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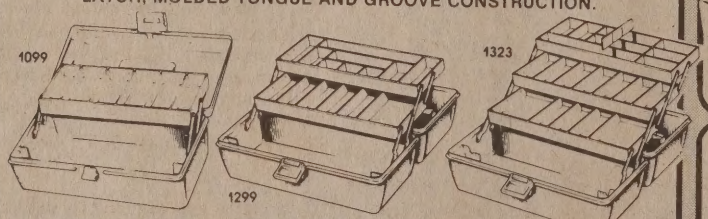

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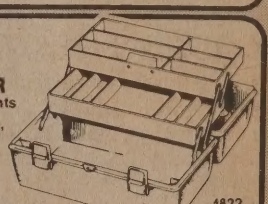

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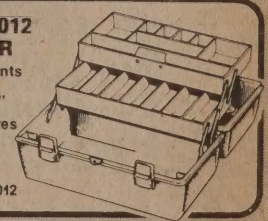

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Bobby Sprenger (left) and Noel Kappauf (right), representing Captree Bait and Tackle, look on as Neil Ackerson, Robert Moses State Park Superintendent, presents a $500 check to Jerry Woods. Jerry's 18½ pound bluefish topped all other entries in the recent Surf Bluefish Derby. Complete coverage of the event can be found on page 12 of this week's issue.

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USDA PUTS VALUE ON SPORT-CAUGHT FISH

Sport fishing generates a significant number of jobs and revenue in national, state and local economies. In addition, fishermen place a high value on the opportunity to go fishing. A third value associated with sport fishing is the consumptive value of the fish. This value can be estimated by calculating the value of the sport catch at the prevailing prices for commercially taken fish. It should be noted that the consumptive value of the sport catch is not nearly as significant as the value of the fishing resource to its users or the economic impact recreational fishing creates.

In 1985, it is estimated that 769,000,000 pounds of sport-caught fish worth $1,413,600,000 at commercial prices will be consumed. The 1977 National Food Consumption Survey reported that the average household used .17 pounds per week of "domestically produced" (sport-caught) fish worth $0.18 in 1977. This corresponds to 8.84 pounds per year worth $9.36 in 1977. This figure is expanded to the estimated 87,000,000 households in the U.S. in 1985 and then inflated by the Consumer Price Index to produce the total 1985 estimates.

These estimates may be biased downward as a result of two factors. First, it is likely that consumption of sport catch per household has risen since 1977 due to increased sport fishing participation and a general increase in per capita fish consumption. Secondly, the amount of sport catch consumed does not include fish that are gifts. For example, the fish caught by one person and given to another is not included. The degree of the resulting bias is not certain.

And it's good for you...

Heart disease is rare among Eskimos, who eat nearly 14 ounces of fish a day, and among the Japanese, who average 3½ ounces of fish daily.

Dr. Dean Kromhout and colleagues from the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, recently reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, that eating fish might be linked to a significant reduction in the risk of dying from heart disease. The researchers monitored the health and fish consumption of 852 middle-aged men in Zutphen, Netherlands, over a 20-year period. One conclusion of the study indicated mortality from coronary heart disease was more than 50 percent lower among the subjects who consumed an average of an ounce of fish daily compared to those who never ate fish.

Some other experts speculate that fish oil might cause blood to clot more slowly and reduce fat levels in the fish.

The Netherland researchers were unable to explain the link they found between fish and health and the conditions normally associated with heart trouble—obesity, cigarette smoking, high blood pressure and physical inactivity. However, their study concluded that people should include fish in their diet once or twice a week as a substitute for meat.

The research also indicates supplements of fish oil are more effective than vegetable oil in reducing abnormally high cholesterol and blood-fat levels. The doctors also concluded fish oil supplements still must be considered experimental, although they suggest people try, dietarily to substitute fish for meat.

—SLEEP CHEAP— ECONOMY LODGING

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The H.I.B.T. has announced that 85 teams will be invited to fish in next year's 28th annual contest, set for Aug. 1st-10th off the Kona Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii.

That is a record number.

Entries in the all-invitation event have averaged 70 in the last 15 years. Invitations to next year's record field will be divided roughly equally among foreign teams, U.S. mainland teams and teams from Hawaii.

Tournament officials say they have aimed for an 85-team field for several years, but not until now have they been certain that both the charter boat fleet and the Kailua-Kona pier facilities were large enough to cope with that many entries.

Foreign and mainland U.S. teams fish in the tournament from charter boats, which are rotated on each of the five fishing days. Hawaii-based teams provide their own craft.

In the days of the first H.I.B.T. in 1959, there were only five or six charter boats in the Kona area. Today more than 60 tournament-worthy craft are available.

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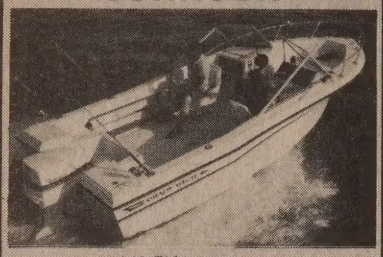

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3. Patchogue Fishing Club	164	367	162	693
4. Mid Island Surfcasters	155	380	87	622
5. High Hill Striper Club	149	214	168	531
6. Great South Bay Anglers	157	156	115	428
7. East End Surf Club	10	171	135	316
8. Striper Surf Club	150	113	52	316
9. Empire Striper Club	0	0	0	0

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. R. Brown	48 pounds, 10 ounces	FSC
2. F. Golofaro	46 pounds, 8 ounces	GSBA
3. O. VanHelmond	30 pounds, 4 ounces	PFC

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. O. VanHelmond	18 pounds, 0 ounces	PFC
2. S. Pantaleone	17 pounds, 8 ounces	FSC
3. N. Sluiter	16 pounds, 8 ounces	GSBA

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. T. Booker	15 pounds, 8 ounces	GSC
2. J. Fritz	13 pounds, 0 ounce	FSC
3. G. Just	12 pounds, 6 ounces	EES

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. O. VanHelmond	PFC	86	282	94	462
2. J. McKay	GSC	176	156	18	350
3. J. Fritz	FSC	31	118	82	231
4. J. Augeri	GSC	44	93	51	188
5. T. Booker	GSC	17	87	81	185
6. F. Golofaro	GSBA	58	69	55	182
7. K. Kassan	FSC	115	19	29	163
8. D. Meola	EES	0	89	69	158
9. D. Palmer	MIS	0	152	6	158
10. W. Smith	HHS	53	67	36	156
11. R. Hummell	HHS	55	67	17	139
12. S. Pantaleone	FSC	12	69	43	124
13. W. Miller	MIS	72	33	18	123
14. F. Schwab	HHS	23	0	97	120
15. P. Cilento	PFC	48	53	0	101
16. C. Sztorc	SSC	29	42	29	100
17. G. Innes	FSC	0	53	27	80
18. J. Klosek	GSC	0	79	0	79
19. F. Eike	MIS	0	60	13	73
20. R. Brown	FSC	62	0	10	72

RELEASED FISH POINTS—Top 3 Clubs

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G. Cooke III	MIS	Weakfish	9 pounds, 8 ounces

OUT OF STATE STRIPED BASS—Top 3 Clubs

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SHIMANO TRITON TTS-50W

by Pete Barrett

An innovator since it first entered the fishing tackle market nearly ten years ago, the Shimano TTS-50W is typical of this company's dedication to quality products that take advantage of the latest in design techniques, modern manufacturing methods and space age materials.

I've used a pair of Triton 50Ws since last summer for sharking and tuna action at the canyons, plus a Triton 50 against sharks, tuna, marlin and amberjack in Florida. They beat bigeyes to 229 pounds and makos to 215 pounds, plus an assortment of other sharks and tunas from 50 to nearly 200 pounds and a blue marlin of about 300 pounds.

They fished flawlessly and performed under some tough conditions. Anyone who fishes the northeast canyons knows the abuse tackle takes from being on the water for more than 20 hours at a clip—no gentlemanly half hour runs to the marlin grounds—this part of the world demands tackle that can beat fish and stand up to the elements, too.

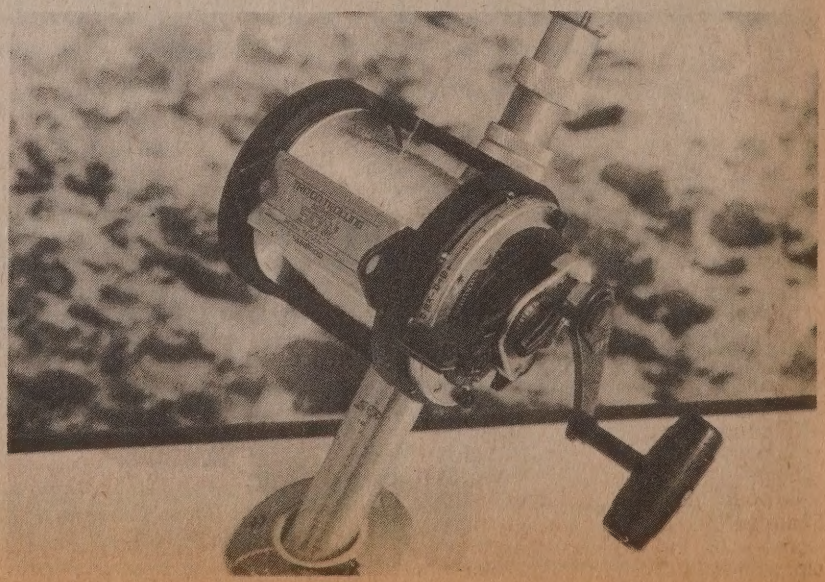
On the outside the Triton series of Blue Water Trolling reels look very much like other lever drag reels. The position and operation of lever, drag adjustment control, and clicker are similar to other reels of the breed. The anodized black finish is very scuff resistant and durable; the gold accents on cross braces, spool and trim are sharp looking.

The main frame is machined from a single piece of aluminum for high strength, yet low weight. Access into the gears is via an aluminum side plate, removable on the right side of the reel and secured with stainless screws with tiny lock washers—a nice touch to keep the reel from coming loose. This side plate is black anodized to match the main frame.

A stainless steel reel foot of generous proportions is used to mount the frame to reel seat. The rod clamping system mounts to the reel foot with oversized nuts and bolts and is adjustable to fit different size seats.

Machined from a single piece of aluminum, the spool is polished and balanced, then anodized with a brilliant gold finish. Four shielded stainless steel ball bearings support the spool and spool shaft.

The drag is mounted on the left side of the spool encased under a finned cooling shield which dissipates the heat away from the drag surfaces and protects the washers from moisture that can kill the best of reels on



long, wet trips to the canyons.

The drag is made of titanium and according to Shimano, will last longer than other materials that are frequently used as drag washers. Matched to a polished stainless pressure washer, the combination is very smooth and even under repeated runs of bigeyes battled for over an hour, the drag never faded, never got jerky and never malfunctioned. Shimano has done some design work so that as the pressure from higher drag settings increases, the surface of the drag washers are not distorted. This guarantees maximum drag efficiency.

The main shaft and both the pinion and main gear are made of stainless steel. Each is oversized, well machined and stands up to very hard fishing. The gear ratio for the TTS-50W is 3.3 to 1 which proved fine for gaining line quickly if a fish ran at the boat and still provided plenty of power to haul a big tuna from the depths if the fish had sounded.

The strike alert "clicker" is located just aft of the handle's main shaft and loudly announces the strike of a fish. In the "off" position, the reels are pleasantly quiet.

With a long offset from the main shaft, the handle is the "high leverage" type, a plus when you want to gain line quickly. The handle knob itself is comfortable in the palm of your hand and did not chafe fingers or hand surfaces while working on fish for over an hour.

The overall finish and appearance of the reel was good. Aluminum stampings and some plastic parts were used for the scale that indicates drag settings and for the drag adjustment knob, yet all performed A-OK. The dull black finish gives the reels a "hi-tech" look. After much knocking about on the boat while fishing and in my station wagon being transported to and from the dock, the finish held up impressively well. Scratches from lure hooks, scrapes from rubbing against other reels are not noticeable because of the black finish.

There are four models in the Triton Trolling Series including a 30, a 50, the 50W and new 80W just recently released. The TTS-50Ws that I used performed well under a variety of fishing conditions and beat some tough fish. After 18 months of use there is no noticeable play in mechanical parts such as the gears, handle, drag or any signs of wear other than minor marks from daily fishing use.

SPECIFICATIONS
(50W Model)

Spool Width	2.2"
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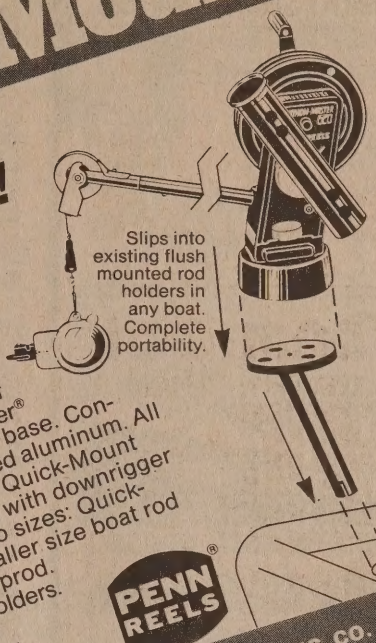

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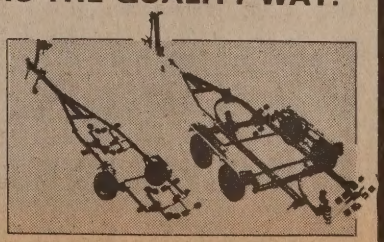

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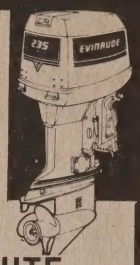

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I recently purchased a pair of trolling rods that I plan to use specifically for trolling big bunker spoons. The rods are a lot longer than my regular trolling outfits and they have a much softer action which is supposed to allow the spoons to work in a natural fashion. So far I've used them only a few times, but on each trip I've missed more hits than other fishermen who are also trolling bunker spoons in the same area.

I notice some of the guys are using bunker spoons which have a set of treble hooks mounted on each side of the spoon. These seem to hook most of the big bluefish. Where do I purchase a bunker spoon that has the extra trebles mounted on the sides? And, are they more effective than the regular type bunker spoon which has a single set of trebles at the tail?

Harry Blake.

Dear Harry,

The reason you miss so many strikes when trolling a big bunker spoon is its erratic action. A fish sees the lure as it makes a swing past the fish's lair and strikes out at the lure not fully aware that the spoon is travelling along in a huge arc as it swings from side to side. Generally you will feel the fish for a second and then the line goes slack. What has happened is the fish had the spoon in its mouth but did not come into contact with the tail hook. When line pressure was felt by the fish, he simply opened his mouth and let the lure drop free.

Those side trebles you notice on other bunker spoons are called "ears" by trollers who use bunker spoons on a regular basis. The reason the hooks are mounted to the side of the spoon is because so many hits do not result in a solid hook-up. The "ears" usually snag the bass or blue somewhere around the head, in the gill plate or through the side. Missed hits immediately become solid hook-ups and your percentage of strikes versus boated fish will increase dramatically.

You can attach those "ears" by drilling a small hole in the spoon and attaching a split ring to hold the treble. We've used 2/0 and 3/0 treble on the "ears" and find they work extremely well when trolling the spoons for big slammer blues or stripers. I do not like the idea of "snagging" a game fish, but in this instance, it is not actually snagging since the fish did strike the lure.

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Dear Doc,

Can you tell me if Midland Tackle in Sloatsburg is still in business? I sent for a catalog a few months ago and received no answer. How about Fairfield Tackle? Are they still operating or have they also closed? Thanks for your assistance. *William J. Stoskus.*

Dear William,

Midland and Fairfield are both in business. I suggest you write again to Midland, for maybe your letter was lost or misplaced.

Fairfield is one of our advertisers and you can call them direct or write for the information you need. Both outfits are well established and will more than likely be in business for many years to come.

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Dear Doc,

I am relatively new to saltwater fishing and do all of my fishing from inlets, beach and bays. Recently, while buying some items for my tackle box I asked the salesman to explain the different sizes of three way swivels and what determines the size I would use. He said, "I'm not sure, but these should do" and handed me a pack of three ways that resembled the label of a Ballantine Beer bottle.

I was wondering if there is a way to tell if the swivels, snaps, barrels, etc., etc., are the proper size. *Tom McGinly.*

Dear Tom,

I do hope you are purchasing your tackle items from a tackle shop for most tackle shop owners and their employees are well versed in the correct tackle for a specific purpose. Far too often the discount stores sell at slightly less but do not have knowledgeable personnel in their tackle departments. I know we'll get some letters on this, but it's true in many instances where someone is recommending specific tackle needs and knows very little about fishing, hunting or camping. You may save a few bucks, but in the long run you are actually losing since you may purchase items you really do not need.

At any rate, I suggest you try to go

with the smallest possible size snaps, barrel swivels, three ways and other terminal tackle. By using the least amount of hardware you increase your chances of catching sharp-eyed game fish and have more fun doing it because you are not dragging a ton of terminal rigging which may kill the fight of the fish you seek.

Snap swivels do come in many sizes. Those big bulky three ways may be just fine for offshore bottom fishing (deep water cod on the wrecks and other types of offshore bottom fishing), but they are as out of place inshore as would be a popping rod for canyon trolling.

Pick up a catalog from one of the companies that manufactures terminal tackle. Sampo has an excellent catalog, as does Berkley and they both show the actual size swivel (by photo) #1, #3, etc., so you can judge the exact size you want without guessing.

The address for Sampo is: Sampo Inc., Barnveld, NY 13304; and Berkley Company, Trilene Drive, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

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Dear Doc,

The Tackle Doctor article on fishhooks hit a soft spot. I used an English wide bend hook that was made in England and sold by Herter's (now out of business). I believe this hook was manufactured by Sealey. I would like the address of this hook manufacturer or the address of a distributor in this country.

The wife and myself are both ardent fishermen and may we take this time to thank you for the many hours of enjoyment we've received from The Fisherman. We subscribe to all of the magazines and yours is the best.

I have fished for the past 60 years and do a lot with the fish—salting, smoking, pickling and cooking. We've come up with some interesting recipes such as homemade sardines, lox made from weakfish or bluefish. Cooking is one of my pleasures, and most of our meals are seafood and because of this, we try to vary the preparation of the seafood.

Thanking you again for the great job you are doing. *Louis Hersh.*

Dear Louis,

Mustad Fishhook Company is currently marketing a "wide gap" English type bait hook. They have two distinctly different models: one with an upturned eye and the other with a straight eye. They come in the bronzed, nickel or gold finish and are available through most shore area tackle shops that cater to saltwater fishermen.

We, too, used the original Sealey hooks for a number of years. That is where we first discovered the upturned eye beak style hook which we now use for most fresh and salt water fishing situations. Only difference is we now use the Mustad models since they are readily available (at reasonable prices) locally.

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SURF BLUEFISH DERBY A GREAT SUCCESS

by William A. Muller

Three hundred and sixty-two competitors turned out to make the 1985 version of the Bluefish Surf Derby a huge success. Saturday's fishing started out with a blitz at West End II that was short-lived but accounted for several very large fish. Some fish also came off the Cedar area beaches and Democrat. These fish were weighed in early Saturday and gave contestants a respectable mark to shoot at.

Calm water and bright sunshine that followed Saturday's early blow knocked the fishing down after that and only a few scattered fish were taken that were big enough to make a run at the money. Still enthusiasm was high and there was a lot of excitement on the beach both days. We toured the beaches both days and that's what all the conversation was about. When a group of anglers encountered somebody who had not entered they were astounded. This bluefish derby has rapidly become THE thing for a surf fisherman to do in October. There were many local sharpies around, but they did not cop all the prizes. Many awards went to surf rats from all levels of experience and that's incentive for fishermen of all ages and abilities to enter.

The awards ceremony was well attended and there was plenty of Stren Line and Genesee beer for all. We had some laughs and made the presentations before the weather began closing in.

The Long Island Fisherman and The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund, the non-profit receiver of funds from the derby, wish to thank Noel Kappauff and the Captree-Jones Beach Bait and Tackle Shops for a lot of hard work and great cooperation as a co-sponsor to make this event such a big success. We also want to thank the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission for all of their splendid cooperation. Thanks to all the hard-working folks at the LISPRC for their individual efforts, too. Thanks to Stren Line and Genesee Brewing Company who, as usual, were marvelous corporate contributors. These companies appreciate both the value of recreational fishing and the potential good that the Sport Fishing Fund will be able to do in the years ahead.

Special thanks to the 362 participants because without you the derby would not and could not exist. Participation this year was up by about 20 percent over last year. With your help we hope to hit 500 contestants in 1986. Please look for a summary article during the winter months' issues that will review what happened in 1985 and previous our inshore derbies for 1986. Best wishes to all and we hope you win in 1986.

Bill Muller of The Fisherman and Noel Kappauf of Captree Bait and Tackle, frame third place winners Bob Buss, John Fritz and Richard Budde.

Competing anglers check out some of the tackle prizes.

The Derby saw good participation by many of the Island's top surf clubs.

Steven Eng receives a second place check of $250 for his 17 pound chopper.

★ SURF BLUEFISH DERBY WINNERS ★

1st Place-$500	Jerry Woods	18.8 pounds	5th Place	Dan Kroeger	14.15 pounds
2nd Place-$250	Steven Eng	17.0 pounds	6th Place	Alois Preiditch	14.4 pounds
3rd Place-$100	Mark Malenovsky	16.2 pounds	(2 Way Tie)	Tom Redmond	
			7th Place	Edward Jaszak	14.2 pounds
4th Place	Richard Budde	15.12 pounds	8th Place	Rich Kuhn	14.1 pounds
(3 Way Tie)	Robert Buss		9th Place	William Chang	14.0 pounds
	John Fritz		10th Place	Gary Innes	13.12 pounds

Fourth through tenth place winners received tackle and equipment prizes donated by Captree-Jones Beach Bait Shops.

BAHAMAS

—RUN TO PARADISE—

by Pete Barrett

"We loaded up the 'Hoppin' John, suitcases and all, then headed out from Sailfish Marina," John Heyer told me one night while swapping fish stories at a fishing club meeting. "We made Chub Cay by mid-afternoon and stayed for a week of fishing, diving and relaxing. It was great! Just like being in Paradise." John had trailered his 23 foot twin outboard Seacraft from New Jersey to Palm Beach and made the magical trip across the Gulf Stream to reach the Bahamas and some truly exciting fishing.

Rich Archer of Old Lyme, Connecticut ran his 25 Mako over one year while fishing in the annual Mako Marine Owners Tournament held each year at well-known Bahamian fishing places like Walkers Cay.

Frank Lilly of Salisbury, Maryland got his own group together and they made up a caravan of boats from 22 to 26 feet trailering their rigs to Jupiter, Florida and then making the crossing to Walkers. In a 10 day trip, they stopped at places like Green Turtle, Treasure Cay, Hole In The Wall, Chub Cay and Bimini before returning to America.

According to Frank, the hardest part was going home. "No one wanted the trip to end. The endless beaches, the carefree living, the fresh seafood dinners cooked on remote beaches—it all made it hard to head home. The first day back at work was like a culture shock."

For many of us a trip to the Bahamas on our own boat is a trip of a lifetime. I've made several crossings with the good people at Mako Marine on their annual Writers Tournament and last year, was thrilled to run my own boat as part of the pack that went to Treasure Cay. With fishing partner, Al Ristori, we made up the New Jersey team and thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

The "worst" part of the Bahamas is the way it grows on you. Even in the heat of our own good summer fishing, I find myself drifing off to daydreams of fried crayfish and snapper at Rosie's on Grand Cay, spicy conch fritters at Chub Cay or a frosty Goombay Smash at Treasure Cay.

A trip to the Bahamas on your own boat is not only possible, but relatively easy to accomplish. Your boat needs to hold at least 100 gallons of fuel, enough fuel to allow about 10 hours of running time. Bimini is the closest port at 54 miles from Miami and will take you two to three hours to reach depending on your speed. Further spots will obviously take longer, so you need the fuel.

Trailerable outboards are ideal boats to make the crossing, because once in the Bahamas you can run through some real shallow water and get on the remote beaches where larger craft can't go.

You'll need a compass, VHF, a good graph recorder and a Loran will be very helpful, especially during the crossing. The Stream can push you

Author (L) and Darrell Lowrance with a cero mackerel trolled along the edge of the reef at Walkers Cay.

way off course if you attempt a dead reckoning crossing. Dual batteries are very helpful to be sure you have all the electrical juice you need. Spare parts can take time to have shipped from the States, so carry a good supply of items like fuel filters, spare props, plugs, fuel line connections, pressure bulbs, fuses and dock lines.

A basic selection of tackle would include four light to medium trolling outfits of 20 to 30 pound class. If you plan on blue marlin, then bring along your 50s or 50Ws. Two heavy jigging outfits with 30 pound line and two medium weight jigging outfits with 15 pound line will handle most of the reef fish you will meet. The selection will be well rounded with a pair of spinning outfits with 15 pound line.

If you like bottom fishing, the reefs that surround the Bahamas hold generous amounts of grouper, snappers and grunts. Trollers working the reefs will take cero and Spanish mackerel, possibly king mackerel, barracuda, dolphin, blackfin tuna, possibly a sailfish. Jigging the mid-depths along the reefs will reward you with amberjack, mackerel, 'cuda and snapper.

Fishing the "patches," small coral areas surrounded by sandy bottom, is very much like fishing wrecks or small lumps back home up north. Anchor up-wind or up-current and get positioned over the patch. Chum with a block of ground-up frozen chum hung off the boat in a net bag. Occasional chunking into the slick can help, but don't overdo it.

Hook sizes vary from #2 for small snappers and grunts to over 3/0 for larger fish. Smaller hooks will usually be more effective. Bait with a small piece of fish and let the bait drift back into the slick. Because of the gin clear waters, avoid heavy leaders and large hooks—the fish will be wary of things that look unnatural.

You can jig in several ways: with bucktails and with diamond jigs. The bucktails are usually in the 2 to 6 ounce range with white and yellow being the two best colors. The bucktails are always sweetened with a strip of bait, sometimes with an added rubber worm or Twister Tail.

Diamond jigs of 2 to 8 ounces are fished in much the same manner we use at home to catch blues. The only change is to add a strip of balao or mullet to the hook. To be prepared for big fish I modify my diamonds by removing the standard hook and replace it with a heavy duty stainless 8/0 trolling style hook. Believe me, an amberjack will bust hook after hook on the standard diamond jigs.

If you like trolling, there is action aplenty along the edge of the reefs for smaller fish like barracuda, mackerel and dolphin. Bigger game is found on the deeper dropoffs. At Walkers just beyond the reef line, it drops from 100 feet down to 1,000 feet in a few hundred yards. At Treasure, while fishing off Green Turtle, the dropoff is sheer and only a mile off the beach. Blue marlin, white marlin and tuna will be the targets.

Bahamian marlin average 100 to 300 pounds and can be taken handily on 30 or 50 pound tackle, a perfect match for white marlin and the 40 to 75 pound yellowfin tuna that you will run into. Serious big game anglers, however, use heavier tackle to be ready for that grander—you never know when a truly big fish will show in the baits.

Lures are the same as we use for our canyon fishing back home. I've caught tuna at several Bahama spots on the old standby "green machine." Other good colors are blue/red, black, orange and purple. It is best to use a mix of colors that run from light to dark.

A fun way to fish for smaller varieties of fish with light tackle is to find sandy or coral outcroppings that project into cuts between islands. Drifting and casting with spoons, swimming plugs or bucktails can get action with barracuda, snapper, jacks and mackerel. One particular windy day at Walkers my wife, Linda, and son, Rich, fished in a lee and caught over 100 barracuda and jacks from 5 to 15 pounds. Fancy fishing it ain't—but fun it sure is.

One of the beauties of having your own boat is the ability to move around from island to island. If you make proper advance reservations you will be staying in a nice motel or hotel each evening, but can stop at out islands for lunch in-between cruises to the next layover island or in-between fishing.

A trip to the Bahamas in your own boat is assuredly within the realm of anyone with a trailerable boat. It takes planning and preparation, but the rewards for both angling and adventure are memorable. One trip on your own and you, too, will find yourself frequently daydreaming about great fish, great people, great experiences and scheming to arrange that next trip to the Bahamas.

BAHAMAS INFORMATION

Charts—Available in any marine supply store, by special order if not in current stock:

NOS Chart #11460 covers Florida Coast to the Bahamas;
NOS Chart #11013 covers Abacos and Little Bahama Bank.

Chart Kits—Several are available, I've used the kit listed here and know it is accurate:

Chartkit of the Bahamas, Better Boating Association, Box 407, Needham, Massachusetts 02192.

Cruising Information—These are the "bibles" for Bahamas cruises, small detailed charts and general information:

Cruising Handbook—The Abacos, Atlantic Coastal Equity Corporation, Post Office Box 650309, Vero Beach, Florida 32965;

Yachtsman's Guide to the Bahamas, Tropic Isle Publishers, Post Office Box 611141, North Miami, Florida 33261.

Mako Owner's Tournament—For the latest information on the schedule of dates write:

Mako Marine, Attention: Bruce Huppert, Vice President, 4355 Northwest 128th Street, Miami, Florida 33054.

Sailfish Marina—For help in arranging a crossing, temporary dockage, help with supplies and general information:

Sailfish Marina, 98 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores, Florida 33404, (305) 844-1724.

Ports of Entry—Walker's Cay (Abaco); Green Turtle Cay (Abaco); Marsh Harbour (Abaco); Sandy Point (Abaco); West End (Grand Bahama Island); Freeport (Grand Bahama Island); Lucaya (Grand Bahama Island).

Bahamas Customs—You will need:

Boat Registration; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, voters registration card).

United States Customs—Regulations change from time to time, check with customs **before** you go to the Bahamas, so you are sure how to clear on re-entry. As of this writing these numbers allow clearance by phone:

(800) 432-1216 (toll free); (305) 527-7299 (Fort Lauderdale); (305) 461-1200 (Fort Pierce); (305) 350-4334 (Miami); (305) 844-4393 (West Palm Beach).

Special Regulations—There are none, leave your troubles at the office, catch a lot of fish, release most of them, eat the rest on the beach, relax and have a great time!

NOVEMBER NEWS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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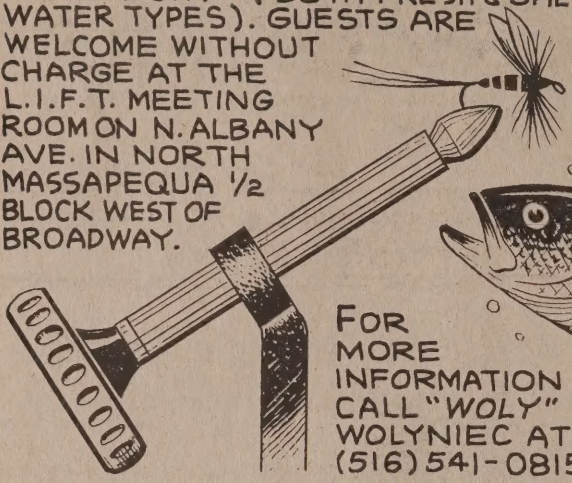

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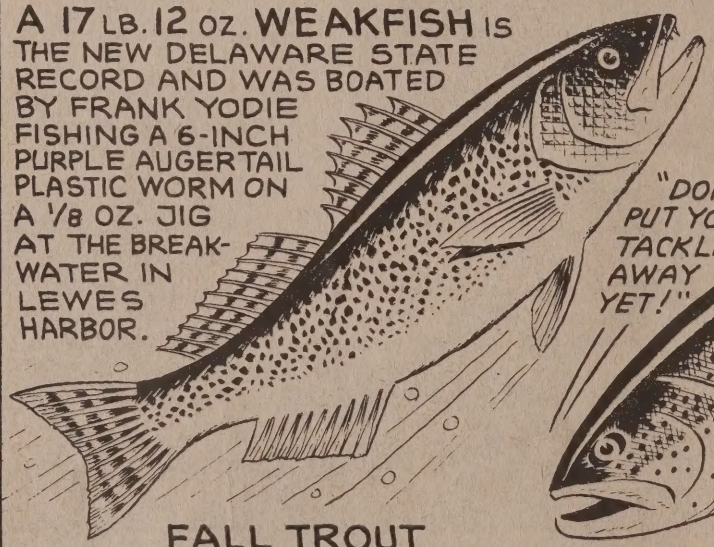

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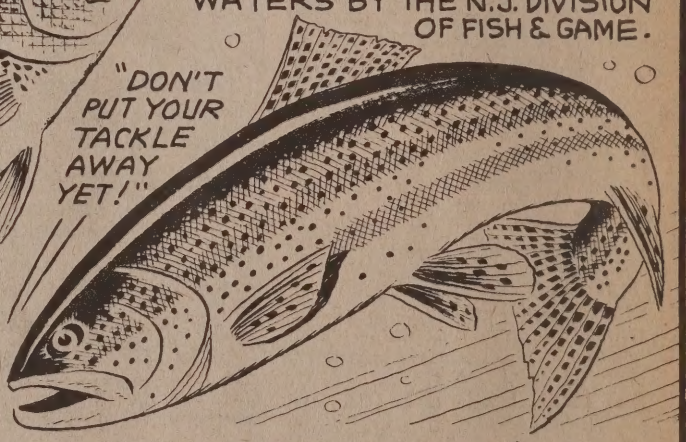

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—KEY WEST—
A Fisherman's Paradise

by Russ Wilson

Just hours away by air, Key West provides winter weary anglers with all of the respite they need.

Back in the mid-50s we did what every red-blooded American citizen is supposed to do: we got married to the girl of our dreams and started off on a lifetime of wedded bliss. Unfortunately, along the road we failed to mention to our Lady that we had been bitten by the fishing bug and suffered from its incurable after effects.

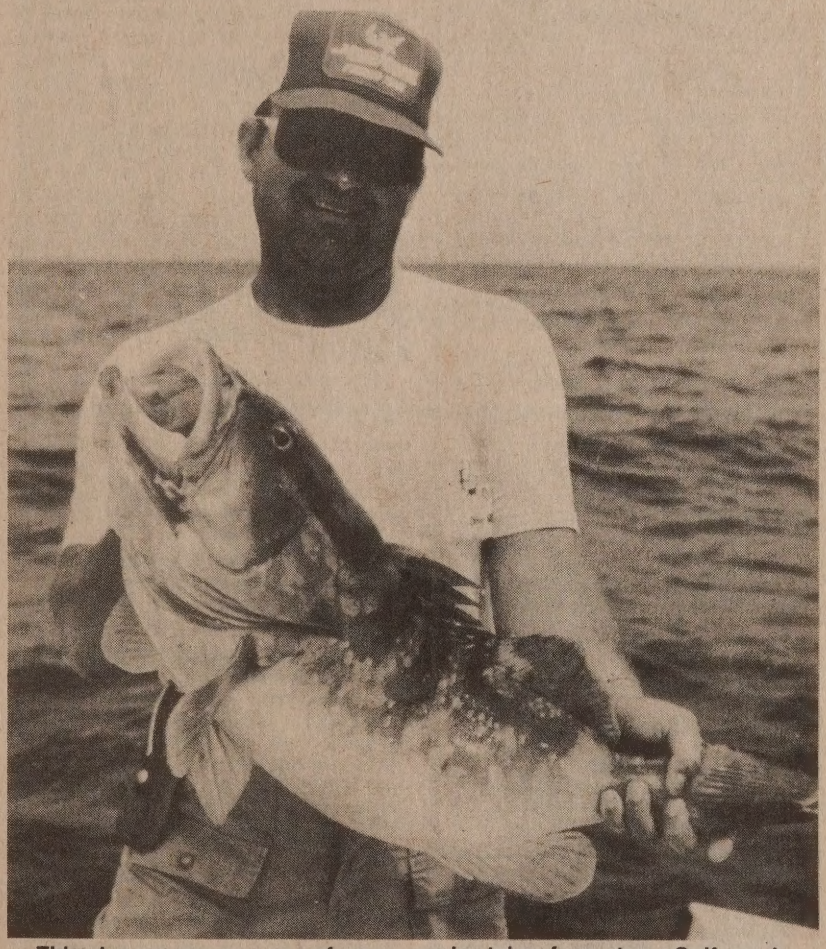
The Honeymoon carried us to the land of sunshine and its wonderful fishing. In two weeks, we fished the backwater springs and ponds for largemouths, headed off into the Gulf for bottom fish and had a couple of days chasing tarpon. All too soon, the honeymoon was over and we had to return to the Jersey Shore and our regular five day a week job, plus a second part-time position.

That lasted exactly one week. By Friday, I had all the work this poor body could take. A short chat with the boss lady and we were busy packing our belongings and notifying employers that we would no longer be in their employ. By Sunday the car was packed with all our earthly belongings and we were off to Clearwater Beach on the Florida West Coast.

That's when boss lady put her foot down. No way was she going to live amongst thousands of crawly critters, sun that baked you to the bone and a husband who thought that going to work meant getting on a boat and fishing all day and half the night. Back into the auto went our accumulation of clothing and a minimal amount of home furnishings and a day later, we were back in New Jersey complete with rented apartment and our old jobs. So much for a life of leisurely fishing and occasional work.

It took 20 years to get her back to Florida and only then after promising I would not spend the entire vacation fishing. As you know, all fishermen lie. Some do it only on occasion and others cannot resist the temptation to expand on an experience. I lied. Plain and simple; I knew there was no way we could visit Florida and not fish. So, for a week I endured the cold stares and threats while catching all kinds of fish and having the time of my life.

Anyway, that was more than five years ago and since then I've managed at least two trips each year to Key West. My wife has learned her lesson and stays at home, so I can fish to my heart's content which means everyday I am at Key West.



This nice grouper was one of many species taken from atop a Gulf wreck.

All of the Florida Keys have a lot to offer visiting fishermen. There are thousands of flats, reefs, dropoffs and deep holes where grouper, snapper, yellowtail and other colorful bottom fish are waiting to eagerly grab a leadhead jig tipped with a piece of squid or shrimp. You can catch literally hundreds of these lovely fish without venturing away from the bridges if you happen to hit the right conditions.

I prefer to head right to Key West. It is a wonderful city, with many attractions, cafes, restaurants and tourist traps. You can spend a lot of dollars at Key West if you are not careful of what you are doing. Art shops offer thousands of prints and original works at prices that are reasonable or outrageously expensive. It pays to shop around before laying down your cash!

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Key West. Everything must be trucked or shipped in and that adds to the prices shopkeepers must charge for their merchandise. Food, in particulary, is expensive. Most of the restaurants offer excellent food, but they do charge for it. There are some drive-in type fast food operations which are reasonable and have good food and a couple of Cuban type restaurants offer exciting dining at a fair price. We usually allow at least two nights for dining out at a classy restaurant and spend our remaining evenings at one of the fast food shops or at a cafe which offers food as well as liquid refreshment. Lunches are usually of the cold cut type with a couple sandwiches and some kind of fruit which is not too expensive.

Last spring we joined Dick Kondak and some of his friends for a week of tarpon fishing at Key West Harbor. We had two boats at our disposal: Kondak's 2500 CC Hydra Sports which was rigged with a pair of Mariner 200 hp outboards and Dick Julylia's 25 foot Grady White which carried a pair of 175 hp Yamaha outboards, Both boats were capable of making the offshore run for marlin, dolphin and tuna or could be used when fishing at anchor for those high jumping tarpon or when we just wanted a day of leisurely bottom fishing for yellowtail, grouper and snappers.

On prior outings to Key West we had moored our boat at Boog Powell's Anglers Marina or at Oceanside Marina and this year both Kondak and Julylia decided to go with Powell's. Both marinas are situated close to the fishing areas and both offer a complete bait and tackle shop plus fuel facilities so boaters can fuel up without leaving the marina.

We spent most of our time fishing for tarpon as they are a long time favorite. If you've never watched as a 150 pound tarpon came flying out of the water with your hook firmly clutched in its mouth, you have indeed missed one of life's treats. Every fisherman owes it to himself (or herself) to fish for these magnificent fish at least once before packing it in.

The tarpon filter through the harbor as they pass from Gulf to Atlantic Ocean and on the way they stop to sample the abundant supply of baitfish. If you just happen to have a bucktail that's tipped with a baitfish drifting in the current when one of those big brutes come by you may find yourself with more fish than you can handle. Last spring I spent 3½ hours on one fish before finally bringing it to the boat. I've caught larger marlin and tuna that did not beat me as badly as did that 200 pound tarpon.

At any rate, the tarpon fishing is excellent during the spring and anyone planning to visit the Key West area during that time should allow a day or two just to fish for these armor plated battlers. It is a treat you will not soon forget, that I can personally guarantee!

Then there are the Gulf Coast wrecks. Imagine a sunken wreck that is lying in less than 40 feet of water and is teeming with life. Each time you drop a bait down to the wreck it is inhaled by a grouper, cobia, shark, snapper, blue runner, yellowtail, lane snapper, pork fish, look-down, triggerfish, mutton snapper, permit or even a lean and mean barracuda.

This is exciting fishing of the highest order. For three years running, we've been fortunate enough to make at least two or three day trips to the Gulf Coast wrecks and each time we learn just a little more about this wonderful bottom fishing.

Occasionally, when you're at anchor over a wreck you'll see a school of cobia or tarpon come to the surface to feed. Last year we had cobia to 50 pounds beating the surface to a froth and every time we cast a lure into the melee, it was greeted by a hungry fish the minute it touched the surface. That, too, is slightly exciting and certainly not the kind of fishing that anyone with a weak heart should attempt!

The icing on the cake is the offshore trolling for marlin, dolphin and tuna. Add to this the occasional sailfish and some of the biggest hammerheads we've ever seen and you have some idea of what is available offshore.

We have yet to mention the party boat trips to the Dry Tortugas. Several party and charter skippers offer trips to Fort Jefferson and surrounding waters where bottom fish grow big and mean. Many of the reefs and wrecks harbor amberjacks, giant jewfish that often weigh over 300 pounds, groupers of all sizes, yellowtails, blue runners, African pompano, barracuda that are as nasty as they look and hundreds of lesser species that will eagerly attract a bait or lure.

The deserted fort is another nice spot to visit. It is entirely constructed of brick and stands alone, a tribute to man's inability to master nature. The reason they call this isolated area the Dry Tortugas is because there is no potable water. That's why the fort was doomed a failure from the start.

If you should happen to have opportunity to visit Fort Jefferson take the time to look under the dock. There's a jewfish living down there that must be 500 pounds and he (or she) will eat any small fish you drop into his lair.

On a trip three years ago Al Ristori was using a small live lane snapper for cobia at one of the Guld Wrecks (Luckenbach) when his rod was yanked into a deep bend by some unseen monster. After a tough but short battle (Al does not use wimpy tackle), the fish was hoisted to the surface. It was a jewfish weighing 50 pounds and boasting some lovely coloration.

We've had some exciting tarpon fishing in the canals as well as off the bridges and from piers. These are mostly smaller tarpon with a 20 pounder being considered big. A 10 pounder taken on light weight plug casting or spinning tackle will give you a half dozen jumps and some of

those will be spectacular with the fish clearing the water by several feet before splashing back into the murky depths.

Dick Kondak rented a house on one of those canals last spring and each evening (actually closer to midnight) we would bait a couple lightweight outfits with live shrimp and catch a few small tarpon just to finish out our day's activities on a high note. That was probably the most exciting fishing we had since it was strictly light tackling the smaller acrobats in relatively shallow water.

You could spend an entire week just poling the flats and catching tarpon, barracuda, permit and maybe some groupers that live in the deeper holes and along the channel edges. There are hundreds of guides who will take you flats fishing at reasonable prices and you can find plenty of guides who specialize in fishing Key West Harbor for tarpon or bottom fish. At the other end of the road, you have guides who will fish offshore waters for billfish and tuna or those who make a specialty of fishing the reefs and wrecks for amberjack. I don't personally care too much for amberjacks. They are just too strong. A 50 pounder will take an honest half hour to subdue and a really big amberjack might just beat you before you get the best of him.

You can fish the reefs via a party boat or with one of the local charter captains and anyone visiting the Keys should give this kind of fishing at least one try.

We normally fly into West Palm Beach or Miami and grab one of the hourly flights into Key West. We miss the lovely drive through the Keys, but when working with limited time it pays to use the airlines to save valuable fishing time. Arrange for a car rental before you leave Miami or West Palm or rent a car there and enjoy the scenic drive through the Keys.

A lot of vacationers trailer their boats when they head south to Florida and if you happen to be one who has the time, it is a very wise choice since you can stop and fish anywhere you like.

I cannot recommend this area too highly. It has been good to us for many years and will probably continue to provide exciting fishing for a variety of fish for many years to come. We have been fortunate enough to fish some of the hottest fishing grounds on this continent and yet each year when winter bares its fangs, we get the urge to head for the Keys. I cannot think of a better place to be, except for maybe Panama or Venezuela and both of those are just a tad too expensive for the majority of fishermen who spend fifty weeks a year so they can enjoy two weeks of leisurely fishing.

Before leaving for Florida, I suggest you contact the Florida Bureau of Tourism, 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 410, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 or call them for information at (904) 488-8230.

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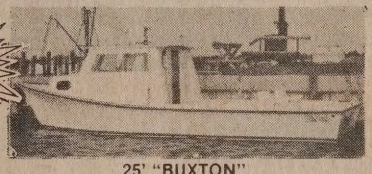

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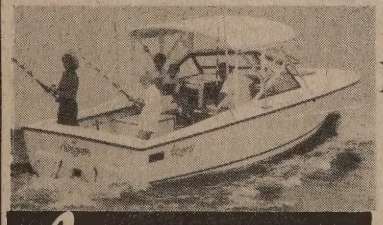

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by Lou Truppi

San Juan, Puerto Rico plays host to an exceptionally reliable winter tarpon fishery.

Captain Mike Verges eased the boat towards a series of boils that glistened in the pre-dawn light. Instructed to cast beyond the farthest rings, I sent my lure to an imaginary line well in back and ahead of the general direction of movement of a newly erupting series of rings that indicated active fish on the move. Mike didn't have to coach further since my 20 years of chasing tarpon told me I was in for a banner day. I noted active fish all around me as my jig settled quietly under the surface. I began that slow, tantalizing, steady retrieve that I knew the silver kings loved. A subtle tap registered as my jig began forward movement. I struck with a series of repeated jabs to embed the hook as a 100 lb. tarpon crashed the surface in a series of hook-shaking leaps that led to the ocean.

Mike, noting my plight and size of the fish, immediately maneuvered the boat at a right angle moving slowly in tune with my rapidly diminishing spool of line. A dozen or so jumps later the tarpon lay exhausted, boat-side. Mike deftly swung the pliers freeing the valiant fighter to live another day. We quickly righted the fish, and using a slight forward motion of the boat, were able to revive the king.

I've chased the tarpon throughout the Florida Keys, Everglades and Florida's west coast for the past 15 years. I've landed this superb light tackle scrapper on all forms of light tackle, fly rod included. I once was a hair away from establishing a new world record on 6# line only to have an estimated 120 lb. fish roll on my light line near the last minutes of a 1½ hour battle to steal away my moment in the sun.

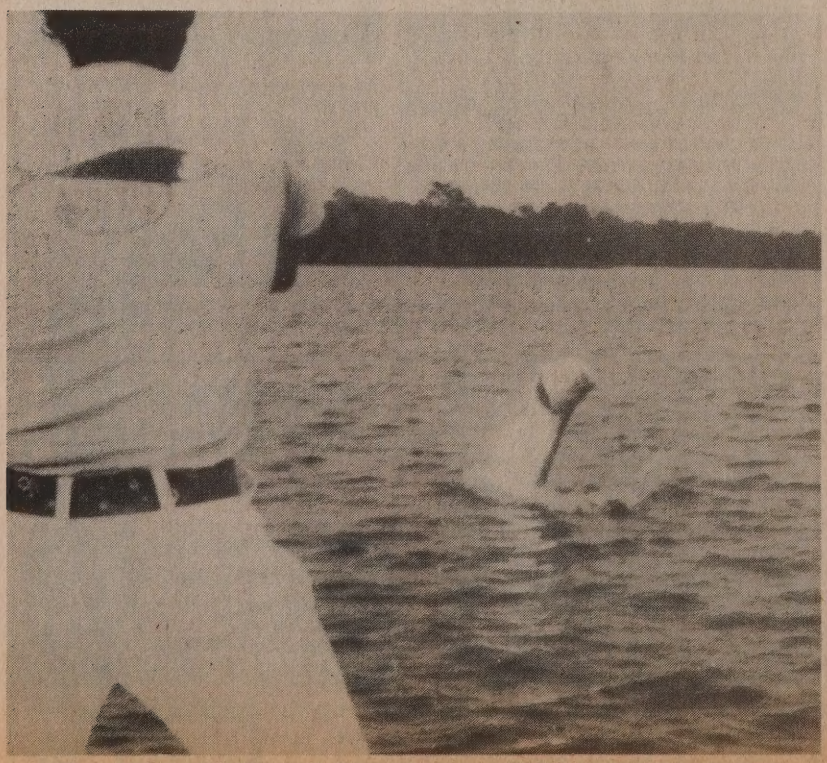
My prior tarpon fishing efforts were concentrated throughout Florida, but in 1976 my good friend, Captain Mike Verges, invited me down to Puerto Rico to visit and sample some offshore winter fishing. (Mike captains the Sea Witch out of Belmar, New Jersey during the summer and winters in Puerto Rico). During my visit, Mike told me of good concentrations of tarpon that could be found locally. So, after a few days of sun, fun, and offshore angling, we headed to the back country for a shot at Sabolo!

Mike had arranged to borrow a small skiff from a local marina. The next morning at first light we navigated through the backwaters adjacent to San Juan Harbor. Mike had previously explored these waters with local friends and had located a series of tarpon holes that proved fishable. That first morning we cast and trolled to fish after fish. We jumped and released some 40 small tarpon on that initial foray to 30 pounds. Most fish, however, were under 10 pounds. What kept my attention was that boils and visible rolls from much larger fish were commonplace that first day. We did not hook any of these brutes, but knowing they were there was enough to keep me coming back.

The next morning was a duplicate of the first. However, we moved further down the waterway to where it joined with a bay. Here we landed tarpon to 50 pounds and jumped off some 80 pounders. This was the spot! Numerous big fish were showing everywhere, but the next day I was scheduled to leave. Mike assured me he would fish the spot again and keep me posted as to the size and quantity of fish caught. Much to our surprise, when Mike returned later in the week most of the tarpon had disappeared. In fact, it wasn't until the following winter that we again found those fish in that bay. Needless to say, some more exploring was in order.

By this time Mike had developed the thought of opening a part-time charter business somewhere on the island. If he could only develop this fishery, this could be the answer. During the next several seasons, Mike kept on securing needed information and locations of tarpon in and around the San Juan area. It had to be close to his home and yet afford a realistic chance to satisfy his customers. As luck would have it, Mike found what he was looking for literally in his own backyard. It seemed that the really big fish could be located within the confines of San Juan's harbor. Not only tarpon, but an occasional jack crevalle, snook, and various other species plied the harbor waters.

Mike soon concentrated his efforts here and developed a fishery that was reliable during the winter months. In



A "hundred pounder" clears the water in an attempt to dislodge the hook.

case you aren't aware, a tarpon fishery doesn't really exist in Florida during the winter months with maybe the exception of Key West Harbor. Even this can be spotty at best. However, the Puerto Rican fish are active and show in good numbers during the winter. The water never really cools to the point that would move the fish completely out like on the Florida mainland. Therefore, what Captain Verges has developed, I refer to as a "winterproof" tarpon fishery.

Mike has set several Puerto Rican state records for his clients during the last several seasons. In fact, he has led clients five Puerto Rican tarpon records in the past couple of seasons.

Fish you can expect to catch average 50 to 80 pounds. Mike's largest to date is a 113 lb. giant taken on 17# test line. Bear in mind that this is deep-water fishing, and slightly heavier line and lures are required.

If you feel the urge to try for a new record, especially state or line class, this region can prompt success. Many local anglers are now actively seeking the silver king due, in part, to Mike's initial successes.

One never knows what species he might latch onto while seeking tarpon. Such species as jack crevalle, snook and various other fish offer a strong possibility of ending up on the end of your line. Most are tough adversaries and fight well on light tackle.

For the light tackle minded angler, this area affords a chance to land a 100 lb. plus tarpon on light line. Most of the water is deep, but relatively clear of debris. The biggest problem you face with real light tackle is the water depth. Unlike the Florida Keys where you might fish the tarpon in water 3 to 10 feet in depth and a hooked fish will fight topside, here you have to slug it out deep. However, most fish are hooked at mid-depths and you certainly have more than an even chance to land most fish with light tackle. The normal choice in tarpon tackle would prove sufficient here.

Captain Mike is an excellent light tackle angler. We have made numerous trips together and I've yet to fish with a finer individual. He provides formal instruction for even the neophyte angler. His tackle is all top quality and blends beautifully with his overall operation. Fishermen's families will especially appreciate this style of angling. Most fishing is accomplished from dawn to midday. The fish are most active in the early morning hours, so it is possible to fish while your family sleeps and still be back at the hotel for plenty of sun and fun with them.

Tides are not a significant factor here as they are in Florida. It seems once the fish settle in they are here for the winter.

Captain Mike fishes from a 20 foot Sea Ray that he shipped to the island a couple of years back. His boat is clean and in excellent shape. He can accommodate up to three anglers.

Captain Mike Verges with a 117 pound tarpon taken on light spinning tackle in San Juan Harbor.

Most charters begin at 6AM and end at 10AM. Every charter runs from 3PM to 7PM. Both morning and evening can provide excellent angling. The criteria being the low sunlight that both morning and evening bring activate the tarpon into prime eating machines.

What never ceases to amaze me is the fact that one can fish tarpon of true trophy proportions within sight of the city of San Juan. Another surprise is the lack of anglers seeking the tarpon. San Juan Harbor is big and affords more than enough room for many boats to fish. However, you'll probably find yourself pretty alone most of the time.

If you'd like to bring your own tackle, that's fine with Mike. He will gladly guide you through the right equipment choice and will provide for a trophy mount if you desire.

What especially appeals to me about this Puerto Rican tarpon angling is that there is no long boat ride associated with the trip. You're generally fishing within 15 minutes. Since it it so close, you get to fish the best part of the day while the fish are still very active. It simply boils down to a lot more fishing during prime time. It's completely relaxing and family oriented.

Furthermore, Mike will make your lodging arrangements for you at no additional cost. He is also an excellent guide to the Puerto Rican sights and will gladly offer his consummate knowledge of what to see and where to go. This is great if your trip is to be short—it's like hiring your own private tour guide. Mike also offers package deals that include air fare, hotel and a week's charters for your party.

Getting back to the tarpon fishing, I feel it's well worth the trip. In fact, nowhere to my knowledge, can a tarpon angler hope to land a 100 lb. plus fish all winter long like here. There is strong evidence that many more record fish will come from these waters. Since this deep water harbor empties into the sea, who knows what size silver king awaits in its depths. There is only one way to find out. Contact Captain Mike Verges and fish with him for truly Winterproof Tarpon!

Captain Mike Verges may be contacted by calling (201) 681-8531 or (809) 747-9274 after January 1, 1986. Mike runs an ad in this magazine on a weekly basis and is listed under charter boat Sea Witch operating out of Belmar, New Jersey.

AMAZING ASSATEAGUE

by Bob Stankus

If you like to surf fish, enjoy beach camping, appreciate natural surroundings and don't mind having a horse look over your shoulder while you fry up a batch of bluefish fillets, then Assateague may be your kind of place.

This 32-mile-long barrier island immediately south of Ocean City, Maryland, is a jewel. The most amazing thing about it is that this pristine stretch of beach exists at all. Had it not been for a violent storm in 1933, which cut through and created the inlet at Ocean City, chances are today Assateague would be known as South Ocean City. Only the new inlet, some private holdings, and the farsightedness of a group of conservationists prevented the developers from continuing their relentless march southward.

As a result, Assateague Island remains much the same as it was when the first European explorers reached these shores. The low, brush-covered land is flanked on the west by marshes and the shallow, murky waters of Sinepuxent and Chincoteague bays, and on the east by, of course, the Atlantic Ocean. Once past the brief stretches of paved road at both ends of the island, it doesn't take much imagination to envision an English or Spanish sailing vessel anchored off the beach with a longboat approaching manned by crewmen anxious to see what this new land had to offer. In this respect, Assateague is like a lot of barrier islands along the Virginia coast. The big difference is that Assateague is accessible and open to everyone.

Fortunately, Assateague is now in perpetual public trust. About half the island is managed by the National Park Service as the Assateague Island National Seashore; the lower, Virginia portion by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge; and the northern part by the State of Maryland as Assateague State Park—the main attraction for campers and surf fishermen.

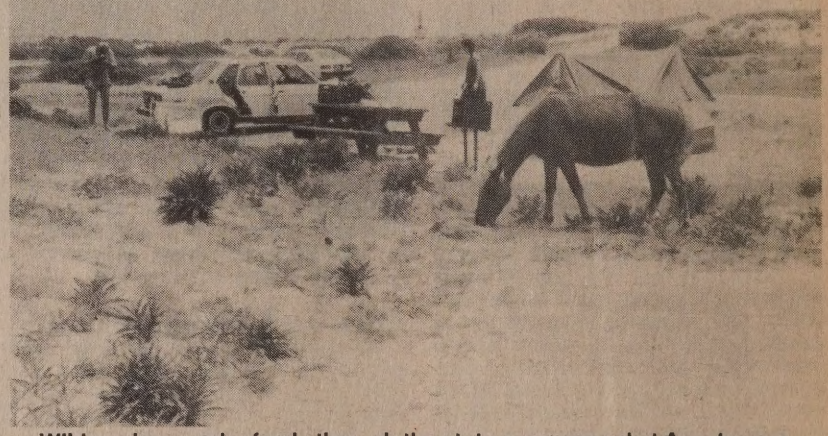
While the emphasis here is on surf fishing, the waters of Sinepuxent Bay host populations of flounder (fluke, to Yankees), spot, sea trout and snapper blues in late summer. Crabbing can also be good there. A new boat launch facility is available to campers free of charge as part of their campground fee. Located at the western end of the bridge connecting Assateague with the mainland, the facility features paved ramps and ample parking space.

Crossing over the bridge onto Assateague, probably the first thing you'll notice is a profusion of "road apples" left by the Island's famous wild ponies. More about these later.

The first right-hand turn will take you down in to the federal area, which has its own camping facilities, continue straight ahead and you'll enter the state park. There is a large parking area for day-use visitors who want to swim, fish, or walk the beach. During the summer season, a concession stand, bait and tackle shop, and a bathhouse are open to serve them. There is also a picnic area with charcoal grills, tables and a children's playground.

Farther on is the park headquarters buildings where campers must register. The park consists of 680 acres stretching along nearly two miles of beachfront, with 311 paved spaces for RVs, trailers, and motor homes. Most tenters set up off the macadam. Each space has a heavy table and a grill. There are no electrical hook-ups.

The campsites are laid out so that none are very far from a washhouse with flush toilets, laundry tubs, and free hot showers. That's a luxury most campers will appreciate. In



Wild ponies wander freely through the state campground at Assateague.

Summer surf fishermen have it tough at Assateague. They have to put up with sun, sand, gentle ocean breezes and constant distractions.

contrast, the campground operated by the National Park Service a few miles farther south is rather primitive with only chemical toilets and a few outside cold water rinse off showers. Furthermore, most of the sites on the federal area are back off the road and you'll have to lug your gear over soft sand to reach them. Unless your tastes are truly Spartan, the Maryland State Park is by far the more appealing choice.

As such, it fills up fast during vacation time. If you're not locked into a school schedule, the best time to go is before school lets out in June and again after classes start in September. The washhouses stay open until October 28th; after that the water is shut off and only self-contained RVs may use the campground. The water is turned on in the spring when any danger of freezing pipes has passed.

Mostly, the sites are assigned on a first come, first served basis, although some sites may be reserved. This gets a little complicated, so for full details, write to: Park Manager, Assateague State Park, Rt. 2, Box 293, Berlin, MD 21811, or phone (301) 641-2120.

The general user fee for a campsite is $8 per day for non-residents, with a two week maximum stay; Maryland residents pay one dollar less and senior citizens get a break. That's not bad for genuine beach frontage.

Now, how's the fishing? As you know, doubtless, God could have devised a less efficient method of catching fish than surf fishing, but, doubtless, God never did. Surf fishing is the most iffy form of saltwater angling. If the tide is right, if there's fish around, and if you happen to be in the right spot at the right time, you'll catch fish. The rest is all cast and hope for the best.

Like any beach, it can run hot or cold. There are usually a few flounder around during the summer, along with kingfish and sea trout. Of course, marauding blues can hit the beach any time from May through November. The majority of these blues will be on the small side, up to 3 lbs., but 10 and 12 lbers. are not uncommon. Blues are the main target for most surfcasters at Assateague. And, except in the fall when the fish are apt to hit metal, most of the fishing is with bait, whole or cut finger mullet being the favorite offering.

Nothing special by way of tackle or terminal gear is needed. A standard surf rod 9 or 10 feet long and a real, spinning or conventional , filled with 15 lb. test mono will do fine. The most common rig is a 4 to 6 oz. pyramid sinker, a three way swivel and about 30 inches of leader with a small cork float and 4/0 hook. The float keeps the bait off the bottom. Without it, the many crabs will eat the bait as fast as you can toss it out. A floating bait is also easier for a bluefish to find.

I would suggest either a long shank hook or some sort of shore wire leader. Even a small blue will swallow a 4/0 and bite through the monofilament.

Almost any cut bait will work. We generally start with cut mullet and when this runs out, switch to bluefish chunks. A small blue, filleted and cut into strips, works just as well as store-bought bait. Blues don't care what they eat; anything smaller is fair game, even members of their own kind. Try it if you're ever fishing for snappers and run out of spearing. A bit ghoulish, I'll admit, but it works. And, the bait is fresh, which is important.

Veteran surfmen know how to hide their bait from the gulls; beginners are advised to do so. Leaving chunks of bait spread on the cutting board behind you on the beach is an open invitation for the ever-present gulls to drop in and chow down. Cover the bait with a hand towel or anything else to keep it out of sight. The same goes for your catch. Cover it or bury it in the sand or you'll find the gulls pecking away at it as soon as your back is turned.

The beach at Assateague is a gently sloping one, which is great for swimming, but not the best for fishing. There is, however, a slough that parallels the beach. Beyond it is a wide, shallow sand bar that may be only shin deep at low tide.

When the tide starts coming in, the blues will move into the slough through depressions or cuts in the bar. You can usually spot these places at low tide and line up a shore reference point for when you come back a few hours later. These areas will see the first and last action during tide changes.

On our last trip to the island this past September we found such a cut and were into blues before and after anglers to our left and right had run out of fish. That 30-yard strip of beach continued to produce all week, about an hour later each day.

So far we've been talking about the simple procedure of walking a few hundred yards from the campsite over the dunes and down to the beach.

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Surf fishing is a waiting game at Assateague, but sometimes you'll hit it lucky and it's all worthwhile.

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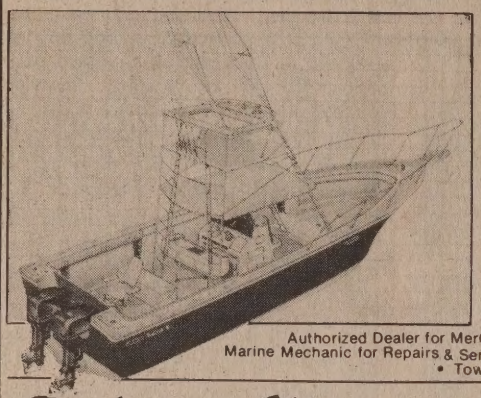

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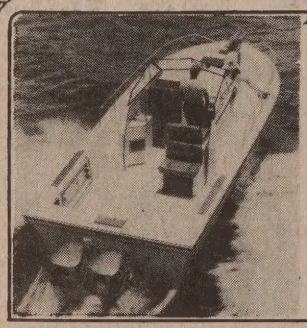

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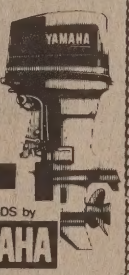

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No discussion of Assateague is complete without mention of the wild ponies. Legend has it that they are descendents of Spanish horses that swam ashore when a galleon ran aground and broke up in a storm. Later, when colonists settled in the area, they grazed domesticated stock on the island. The two groups of horses interbred and produced the smallish, shaggy ponies found there today.

The island holds two major groups of horses: the famous Chincoteague herd at the south end and a smaller band that stays at the north end, literally in and around the campground. Numerous signs warn against petting and feeding the ponies, and it's good advice. Even so, some people pet and feed them—and sometimes pay the price. Last year we saw a nervous stallion kick a woman in the thigh. She was knocked to the ground and sported a saucer-sized black and blue mark for a week. She was fortunate that the hoof didn't catch her in the knee.

The ponies will also come up to your picnic table and take food when you're not around. Therefore, don't leave cereal, fruit or vegetables, bread, or even cold spaghetti out in the open when no one's in camp.

The horses travel in small family groups, usually five or six mares, a couple of foals, and the boss stallion. They spend much of their time eating—and it shows. They're not exactly housebroken, but cleanup crews come by regularly with shovels and a truck.

Besides the ponies, there are many species of indigenous wildlife on the island—white-tailed deer, foxes, skunks, raccoons, bobwhite quail and a wide variety of birds. During the fall and winter months the number of species swells as migrants fly in.

After dark (and I mean DARK, since there are no street lights), stargazers will enjoy the isolation of Assateague. The dim lights of Ocean City can be seen 10 miles to the north, but otherwise it's black horizon to horizon. It's a great place to catch up on constellation identification.

One of the nicest things about camping there is that you are isolated, but not out of touch with the real world. When the kids get antsy on rainy days, or the desire for a restaurant meal gets too overwhelming, Ocean City is a short drive away. There's the boardwalk with all its quarter-sucking video games and a myriad of attractions for all ages and

most tastes.

Just few a miles from the park, on the mainland, are several general stores that sell bait, ice in blocks, beer and the other essentials of camping. Serious food shopping involves about a ten mile drive north to Rt. 50, then west to a full size A&P Supermarket. This beats bucking the traffic in Ocean City.

Should you decide to try camping on Assateague there are some other things to keep in mind. Tent campers will be putting their pegs into sand, not solid ground. Those skimpy little plastic pegs won't hold in a sudden windstorm. And, since Assateague is low and unprotected the wind can really howl there. Special, long metal sand pegs are recommended. In a pinch, homemade wooden pegs at least two feet long will do. Put in more than you think you'll need.

Take along plenty of insect repellent: mosquitoes, flies and ticks live there.

No pets are allowed in the state park.

Don't leave food stuffs out at night, even in the cooler, because of raccoons. They can open a cooler quicker than you can. Keep any food in your car, with the windows up. One year we brought a mouse home with us. Dispose of any garbage daily. There are conveniently located dumpsters for this purpose.

By and large, the campground is very clean, especially the washhouses, which are hosed down everyday. And, you won't find any of those cute little limericks or drawings on the stall walls.

For children, there's a large playground area about in the middle of the campground area. During the summer, lifeguards are on duty at the stretches of beach designated for swimming. Don't fish there. During the off season, swimmers enter the water at their own risk, and you can fish anywhere.

Make sure you have at least two dependable flashlights along. The washhouses are kept lighted all night, but you'll need a flashlight to find your way from your site, and there's always the danger of squashing a road apple.

Bring rain gear and a warm jacket, even in the summer. Beaches can get cold and damp.

Some sort of sunscreen lotion is advised. The reflection off the wash will burn the backs of your knees to a cinder in a hurry.

In general, we've always found fellow campers and surf fishermen there a friendly bunch. It's like being shipwrecked on an island—with all the fun and none of the inconvenience.

To get there from northern New Jersey you can take the very boring New Jersey Turnpike to the end, then south on Rt. 13. to Rt. 50. Hang a left and go east to 2-lane 611 (there's a light and sign at this intersection), then south on 611 a short ways to the island.

Or you can drive down on the monotonous but easier on the eyes Garden State Parkway to the end and follow the signs to the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. You can get a ferry schedule from: Cape May-Lewes Ferry, P.O. Box 827, North Cape May, NJ 08204 or call (609) 886-2718 for specific information. Whatever ferry sailing you choose, allow at least a half hour early arrival to make sure you get on. Even then, sometimes it gets tight, and you may have to wait an hour for the next one. The one-hour crossing is a pleasant break from driving, but expensive—$17.50 for two people in one car, extra for more passengers. From Lewes, find the coast highway that heads toward Rehoboth Beach, and Bethany Beach and stay on it through Ocean City to the Rt. 50 intersection. Go right over the bridge and a couple of miles to 611. Turn left and in about 10 minutes you'll be at Assateague State Park.

The south end of the island, at Chicoteague, does not have any camping facility on the island itself, but there are private campgrounds nearby. The area is restricted to day-use activities and you can run a buggy on the beach there, too, but only up to the wildlife refuge boundary.

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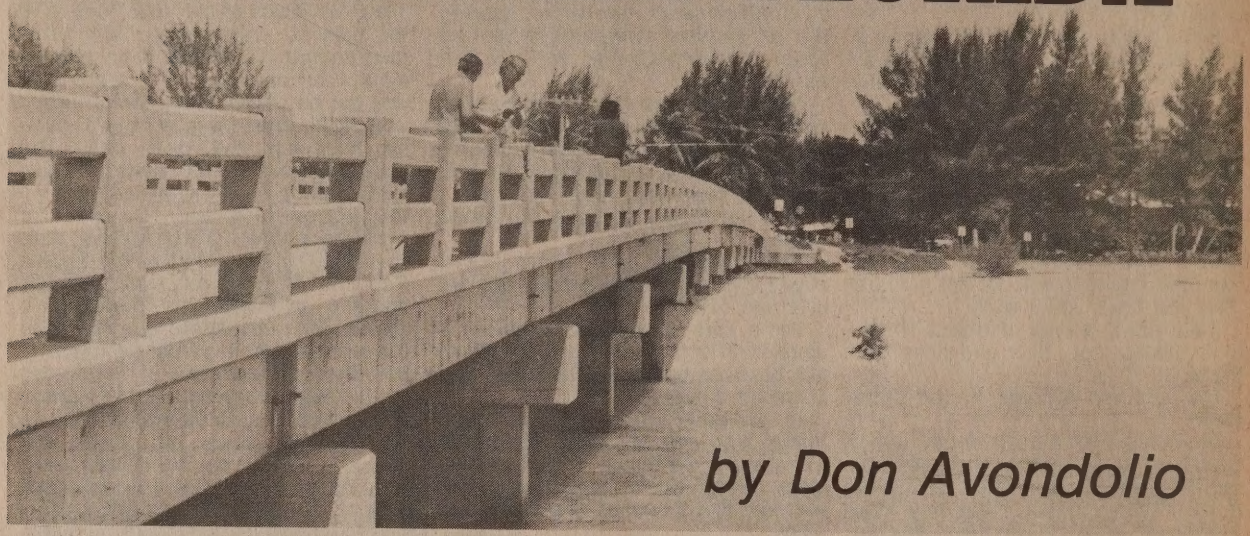


by Don Avondolio

The month of May is considered off season for tourists in Florida, but for the visiting saltwater angler, tarpon, snook, snapper and sea trout are strong attractions at this time. Lodgings are fairly economical and road traffic is reduced to a more convenient level. My family and I needed no excuse to visit several prime fishing locations in the Fort Meyers area. Adjacent to Fort Meyers is the Gulf of Mexico, a large body of water that contributes to the fishing popularity of the area. From the Gulf, fish migrate in and out of inland waterways, the barrier islands and throughout the many bridges located along the coast.

As our first attempt, we decided to fish Sanibel Island which is connected to Fort Meyers via the "Causeway Bridge." On the western side of the bridge, we turned north passing several beachfronts and a large body of water called Tarpon Bay. We eventually arrived at Turner Beach, which is conveniently adjacent to a small bridge. The bridge is situated over an inlet that empties out into the ocean during the ebb. A 150 foot long rock jetty forms a barrier to the right of the bridge and almost creates a natural path for fish feeding into the ebb flow. Our first encounter at this bridge would excite almost any fishing enthusiast. Looking down in the current flow, we noticed a 30 pound snook tied to a heavy rope attached to the bridge railing. Several fishermen were gathered along the bridge, fishing with bait on the bottom. On the walkway nearby were bait wells containing live shrimp. Battery operated aerators were commonplace, which conveniently kept the shrimp alive for the anglers. Ten minutes later, another snook was fought and landed. Sea trout were caught frequently over the rail using the same technique. Alongside the bridge, jetty fishermen also caught their share of fish in the same tide flow. Live shrimp seemed to be the ticket to success. Because of the clear water, fairly light mono lines were used in combination with wire leaders. The rig consisted of a 15 inch leader connected to the hook. A half ounce sliding egg sinker is used to hold bottom. The sinker is prevented from sliding down on the hook by attaching a small barrel swivel ahead of the sinker. Common store bought rigs feature the sliding sinker captivated by crimped sleeves within two inches of the sinker. An added attraction nearby on the beach was an enormous selection of exotic sea shells available for the picking. This certainly kept my wife busy during the time I was fishing.

If the visiting angler is interested in nearby inshore fishing, boats/motors were available for daily rental. A party boat in Tarpon Bay advertised the price of $10 a day per person. Charters were also available for the offshore fisherman at a cost of approximately $150 a day for two persons. Incidentally, several regulations are to be observed: snook must be 18 inches long (4 a day); sea trout, grouper and redfish, 12 inches; and pompano 9½ inches minimum. If you plan to hire a charter, call in advance for reservations. Also, if snook is your objective, remember that a closed season exists during June and July. These fish, not unlike our striped bass, have been decreasing in population. Unfortunately, they have been victims of sudden cold snaps and insect chemical sprayings.

Returning to the Causeway bridge, we found plenty of fishing potential. Best locations were near bridge pilings and supporting structure. Parking is conveniently provided and all that is required is a short walk to the fishing spot. Near the Causeway many different sub-tropical species can be taken, but during our stay it seemed to be predominantly snappers. They were best caught on shrimp baits fished on the same bottom rig. As with bridge fishing, tackle is simple and lightweight. A 7 or 8 foot long spin rod combined with a medium size reel will accommodate most species sought after. One hundred yards of 10 pound mono tied to the bottom rig completes the tackle. Even the unskilled baitcaster can use his or her conventional reel, as long casts are not required. Be aware that at times, blacktip sharks and tarpon are caught near the Causeway. Fish weighing 30 to 150 pounds are possible, so tackle must be adjusted accordingly. Switch to 30 pound test mono and 60 pound test wire leaders with a stiffer rod type for the heavyweights. Mullet and ladyfish will take the larger predators.

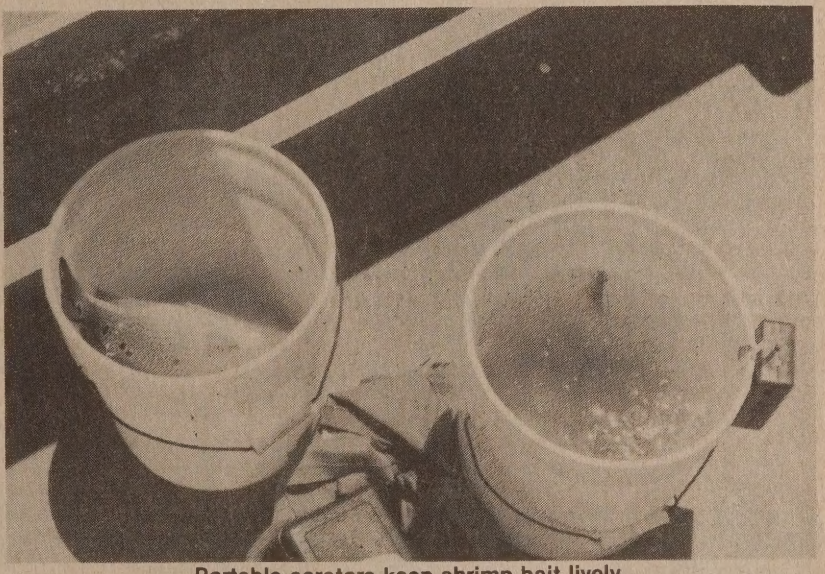
Other nearby locations such as Boca Grande, Longboat Key, Captivia Ise., Marco Ise., Naples Beach and Punta Gorda offer good fishing as well. Jack Montague, an excellent guide and saltwater fly fisherman resides in Punta Gorda. He can be reached at (813) 639-4007 for information. Jack guides using his boat for approximately $75 a day and can be an asset to the visiting fisherman. His knowledge of Florida saltwater fly techniques is vast and when combined with his favorite spots, the results can be really exciting. If you're fishing

any Florida locales for the first time, consult the local tackle shops. I found the tackle dealers super cooperative. Remember, they want your business and usually go overboard to help you catch fish. Rentals of bait aerators used with live shrimp are available at most shops for the asking. In addition, the town's local chamber of commerce can be reached by phone for information regarding accommodations, directions and ideal spots. I was advised that a few of the more productive spots are: Fort Meyers Fishing Pier (open 7 days a week); May's reef and outer Gulf Islands. At Punta Gorda—Alligator Creek, I-75 Bridge, El Jobean railroad trestle bridge and Gasparilla Ise. Flats. These spots are fished either by wading, or from bridges, piers, or jetties. I favored using live bait on this trip because of time considerations, but artificials are used effectively. Shrimp imitators, curly tails, touts and small swimming plugs such as Rebels and Mirrolures can produce when fished slowly through the rips. Bucktails and saltwater flies are devastating on tarpon especially if fished at night. Stu Apte's Tarpon fly or Lefty Kreh's Deceiver are two patterns popularly used for tarpon. For the average fish below 60 pounds, a system 10 fly rod will suffice; whereas when larger fish are hunted, it's better to switch to an 11 or 12 weight system. Two hundred yards of backing should be spliced to your fly line to handle the big boys. One floating and one fast sinking fly line will handle most all situations encountered in these waters. A 9 to 9½ foot long rod coupled to a drag equipped anti-reverse fly reel makes fishing a pleasure, especially when the rod is constructed of graphite or boron material. Don't discount night fishing, as high tides bring fish in close to shore which reduces the need for long fly casts.

Economical flights are available through several major carriers. Other airlines make trips more accommodating with increased cost. Bring your light tackle along with the ever-important burn ointment and Polaroids. Tackle shops will suggest the current "hot" artificials, so don't bring too many plugs or spoons; it's not necessary! Maps and descriptive literature concerning locations mentioned can be bought in area stores. One last tip: at newsstands throughout Florida, you will find a monthly magazine called the "Florida Fishing News." Reports of latest fish catches, in addition to locations and migrations are published to help the visiting fisherman.

Southwest Florida offers splendid fishing locations, more than can be investigated in an average two weeks vacation. In addition, the beauty of Florida's natural waterways and islands have to be seen to be appreciated. So plan your vacation now and maybe you will agree with me that "it takes more than one trip to satisfy one's appetite for Florida fishing."

Angler works beneath the Causeway Bridge.



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Jetty, bridge and Turner Beach border the inlet.

LAKE SEMINOLE'S WINTER BLACK BASS

by Dave Mann

Staring into several feet of water, I could not believe what was swimming around. A largemouth bass in the 15 pound range with another of about 2 pounds tending a nest a few feet away. I immediately cast an 8 inch black Augertail to the fish and held my breath. The tap came and I set the hook. The two pounder came aboard and I quickly released him. He went right back to the nest that he was fiercely guarding. I never did latch onto the bigger female and I tried for at least an hour. This was the time just about a week away from the spawn when the female of the species almost completely stops feeding.

Although these events take place in the northeast as well, it usually is from the end of May to the middle of June depending on how far north you go. But this was the middle of March and we were fishing Lake Seminole in Seminole, Florida.

Friday night found friend and business associate Larry Rekart and myself flying out of Windsor Locks, Connecticut to Tampa, Florida, where we were met by Tim Schooler who drove us to the Lake Seminole Motel just 20 minutes away. On the way over, Tim informed us we would be fishing with B.J. Jaros and George Lauramoore, who were the local experts on the lake.

The alarm went off at 3:30 the next morning and waiting in the parking lot with their bass boats were B.J. and George. We had a quick breakfast and headed for the lake. On the way over, B.J. told me that during the previous two weeks while out scouting, both George and himself took bass from 10 to 16 pounds. These bigger fish were caught on mostly golden shiners, but occasionally they do hit a properly presented artificial bait.

After a short ride we reached the

Although a 10½ pounder drew a little bit of attention from onlookers, most resident fishermen don't look twice at anything less than 12 pounds.

launch and put the boats in. I paired up with B.J. and Larry with George. We both headed out in different directions.

Our first stop was a cove that had reeds growing up along the shoreline. There was eel grass growing out from the reeds before the water dropped off into any kind of depth.

I started casting a white 1/2 ounce fleck spinnerbait up into the reeds and across the top of the eel grass. B.J. started with a shiner, hooking it through the two lips and letting it swim free. He tried to keep the shiner where the water dropped off. We worked our way to the back end of the cove before we saw any signs of bass. Then I spotted a nest with a male on it. I cast the spinnerbait to the nest and the bass immediately hit it. After a good account of himself I released the two pounder and he went right back to the nest. No female near the nest or at least she did not reveal herself, so we continued through the cove.

Just before we reached the back of the cove B.J. had a tug on his shiner. He set the hook and after a nice battle, a chunky 6 pounder was netted. B.J. explained that while using shiners as soon as you feel the strike set the hook and don't hesitate. At this time bass almost always strike baitfish to kill them and not for feeding. A bass can inhale and exhale bait faster than the eye can see.

I spotted another bed and was about to make a cast to it when I caught a glimpse of movement several yards away. When I zeroed in on the movement and recognized the massive bass swiming around, my heart almost stopped. She was at least 15 pounds.

I didn't catch the big female, but did catch the two pounder on the nest. B.J. also tried with the shiner, but it was in vain. These bass don't get to be this outsized by getting themselves caught.

At the end of the day, we met Larry and George back at the launch. They managed 15 bass to three pounds and saw several fish from 15 to 17 pounds just as we did. Larry had a couple of fish on that were in the 10 lb. range, but could not get them to the boat.

We loaded up the boats, found a little restaurant where we had a barbecue dinner and went back to the motel. Although B.J. and George are used to bass in excess of 10 lbs., the discussion the rest of the evening centered around the huge size of the bass. George told us and backed his stories up with pictures, that since January he has caught 26 bass between 10 and 16 pounds; eight were between 12 and 16 pounds. B.J. had a similar story.

The next morning I paired up with George and Larry with B.J. As we did the previous morning, we headed out in different directions. We started out on a shelf that was in about three feet of water than ran out into 30 feet. I cast a Razorback across the shelf and George had his shiner swimming in the deeper part of this area. He told me that on several earlier outings, he saw big bass hanging in this area.

As we worked our way toward the shore, four huge fish moved across the shelf. I made a cast up in front of them, but they ignored my offering. I picked up my other outfit with an 8 inch Augertail and cast it to where the bass were. I saw one of the fish turn and take the bait. Before I could set the hook, she let it go. I couldn't believe it. My chance for a really big bass gone.

We stayed on the spot for another hour and the bass stayed there with us—George trying to aggravate them with the shiner and me with everything I had. It was all for naught. I can't begin to tell you how it feels to see bass to 17 lbs. and having one take the bait without a hook-up.

Moving on to a cove that was littered with sunken trees and rocks, we spotted Larry and B.J. at the back end. Rather than moving in on them to see how they were doing, we decided to fish our way in.

I cast a 12 inch electric grape Augertail to one of the trees. Before the bait settled on the bottom it was engulfed. Without any hesitation I reared back and was fast into a bass of 4 lbs. I let it go and made several more casts at the same tree without another fish.

We continued through the cove picking up a few more in the 2 lb. range and saw other bass in the 10 lb. range hanging a few yards off of nests. It was obvious that the females were just days away from spawning.

We were now within speaking distance of our counterparts and they said they were having similar luck except for a fish in the 8 lb. range. Just as he did while fishing with me, B.J. managed the beauty on his live shiner.

There seemed to be plenty of fish in the cove, so we all decided to stay and just keep circling. I kept casting to the trees that I could see and George was live lining the shiner. Larry was casting a Rapala and, of course, B.J. stayed with his shiner. All of a sudden Larry was into a battle and from what I could see, he had a good one on. B.J. put his rod down and stood ready with the net. Then he put the net down, but Larry was still fighting what I thought was a good bass. What was causing the battle was an alligator of 5 feet. Nothing to mess around with, so B.J. cut the line. From what George told me this was a common occurrence. The alligators will strike anything that should come close to them. The hooks will rust out after several days and the alligators will not be any worse off.

We had a flight to catch, so Larry and I decided to call it a weekend. B.J. drove us to the airport in Tampa and made tentative plans to return. Before we knew it we were back at Windsor Locks. Although we did not land any outsized bass, we saw them and when we go back the timing will be a little bit more precise.

TRIP CHECK LIST

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From Tampa Airport take Route 275 west to U.S. 19 south to State Road 584. Take 584 west and pick up Alternate 19 south. This will take you right to the public boat launch and is about 45 minutes from the airport.

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—SERVICES—

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—WHAT TO BRING—

A 5½ foot baitcasting and/or 6 foot spinning rod, medium to heavy action. Reels that can handle 14 to 20 pound test monofilament line. A selection of 1/4 to 1/2 ounce spinnerbaits, plastic worms from six to nine inches and crankbaits that imitate baitfish such as shiners and minnows. Clothing can be kept to a minimum, but in the early morning it can be a bit cool.

WEST COAST ROCKFISH

by Martin & Janet Garrell

A pair of East Coast sinker bouncers sample some of Oregon's January bottom action.

It was hard to believe that it was January on the ocean. The sea was flat for miles, a warm sun was shining, air temperatures were climbing into the 50s, and somewhere back on the stern, Jan was trying to turn her fourth fish of the morning as it made another gut-wrenching run across the bottom in an attempt to shake the jig. Finally after almost five minutes of give-and-take, we noticed the color in the water and the party boat mate put the net around one of the ugliest, but one of the best tasting of all bottom dwellers: an eight pound specimen of cabezone, the giant, spiny, blue-green sculpin.

Fishing the Pacific from Newport, Oregon, for deep water bottomfish that day last year, we enjoyed ourselves immensely and honestly wished that our counterparts some 4,000 miles east could have been there. Truly, a codfisherman in the midst of even a fair pick of Pacific bottomfish would have figured that he or she had died and gone straight to heaven!

Oregon's fish do not resemble anything we've got on the Eastern Seaboard. Most of the winter catch from 60 to 110 foot depths consists of rockfish, called "snappers" by local anglers. These are porgy-shaped, large headed fishes with single dorsal fins and they remotely—very remotely—look like the snappers of southeastern tropical waters. Black snapper or black rockfish *(Sebastodes melanops)* and red snapper or vermillion rockfish *(Sebastodes miniatus)* were two common species that we spotted in sizes to 4 and 15 pounds, respectively. Ugly, but delectable cabezone *(Scorpaenicthys marmoratus)* to 25 pounds and piscivorous lingcod *(Ophiodon elongatus)* to 50 pounds or more, provide occasional action as winter trophies. More often than not, the largest of these predators latch on to small black snapper on their way to the surface.

Newport itself is located on Yaquina Bay only a short distance from commonly traveled West Coast air routes. Portland is 114 miles away; Salem 83 miles, and Corvallis, the college town, is only 56 miles distant. Like many coastal ports, Newport offers year-round bottom fishing. Boats like those of the **Tradewinds Fleet** (653 South West Bay Blvd., Newport, Oregon 97365; 503-265-2101) sail on a half day trip at $30 per person or on full day trips at $49 per person, depending on the season. The 45 foot **Sea Pirate**, which we sailed with, accommodates small groups of a half dozen to a dozen anglers rather comfortably. Other craft from Newport include: Barnacle Bill's, 839 South West Bay Blvd., Newport, (503) 265-7777 and South Beach Charters, Newport, OR 97365, (503) 867-7200. Those who are interested in more information about a spot that looks very much like Oregon's answer to Montauk, might write for a copy of the monthly "Lincoln Greeter" from BGA Publications, P.O. Box 3, Otter Rock, Oregon 97369, (503) 765-2511.

The gear required for this fishing is really just the standard tackle used by most cod and blackfish anglers. Most fishing takes place on open bottom in roughly 100 feet of water with 3 to 8 ounce jigs plus multiple droppers, so 12 to 30 pound class tackle is the norm. With fish in the 5 to 10 pound bracket, lighter gear is more fun, and Jan certainly didn't feel overmatched or undergunned when she was fast to what may have been a big lingcod for about five minutes and turned it toward the surface. Unfortunately, the big fish shook the jig when the boat dropped off a large swell from a passing freighter and we never did see her opponent.

Terminal rigs are a bit odd by Long Island standards. Picture an oval 8 ounce sinker with eyes fore and aft. A blank 7/0 treble or a single red and yellow fly tied on a beaked 7/0 hook is attached to one eye with a split ring; the line is knotted to the other eye, and that's it! If you want some smaller fish, you put more of those 7/0 wet flies, called "shrimp flies" on the

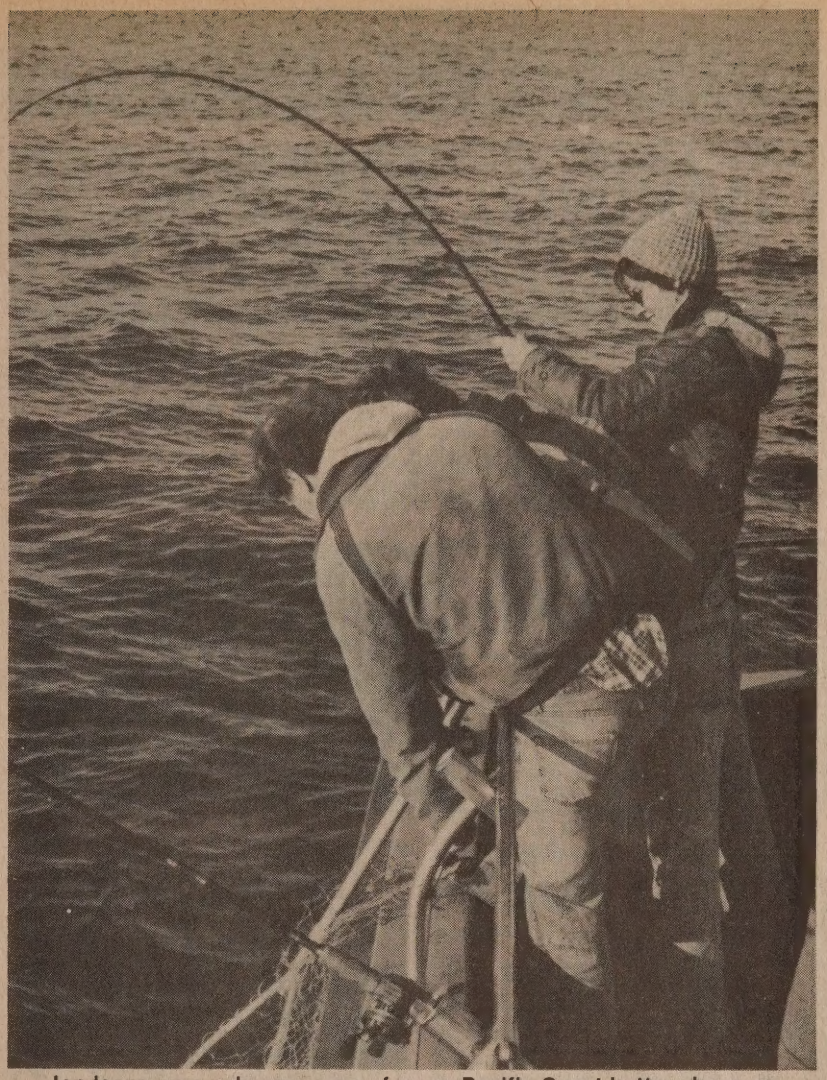
line at two foot intervals above the jig. Next time we fish the West Coast bottom dwellers, we're going to try some big streamers, maybe some Red Gill teasers, and perhaps some small mackerel tubes. We also suspect that swivelling the hooks onto the jigs is a better idea, too. Incidentally, we tried standard, chromed Ava 47s with shrimp fly tails (standard surge tube tails were non-productive) and enjoyed modest success, but smaller jigs with dark stripes just might do a better job. Clearly there's plenty of room for diamond merchants to experiment out on the Coast.

As in all winter angling, weather is the limiting factor. Balboa's ocean goes on for 10,000 miles or more and that's a lot of fetch. Hawaii doesn't provide much windscreen. Consequently, any sort of onshore blow for any length of time puts a very respectable heave on the sea. Let that wind turn 180 degrees offshore (i.e., blow from an easterly direction) and everything flattens beautifully within many miles of the steep, rocky shores. Despite 30 knot easterlies that January day, we fished comfortably a couple of miles from the Newport beaches.

There are other fish in other seasons for party boats off the Oregon coast, too. Salmon trolling is the big attraction from May into September and summer trips to deep reefs 12 to 14 miles offshore give an angler a chance to pull out his or her back fighting giant Pacific halibut of 200 pounds or more. Incidentally, small boat angling in inshore areas like Newport's Yaquina Bay and Coos Bay 98 miles south gives summertime fishermen good shots at bottom fish, too. Also, trolling for silver (coho) and king (chinook) salmon close to the mouths of big rivers can be sensational in the summer and fall if you hit it right.

Unfortunately just like saltwater angling everywhere, clouds loom on the horizon over the West Coast. Because of heavy competition and overharvesting of salmon, that fishery has slumped in recent years, so commercials have begun a switch to deep water bottomfish. In 1982 alone some 87 million pounds of bottomfish, including rockfish and lingcod, were hauled into Oregon ports, and fisheries experts are worried about the potential for overfishing because of rapid expansion of the industry.

For now, at least, party boat fishing off the West Coast is definitely worth trying. We've only sampled Oregon, but there are California and Washington based boats that also sail most of the year. If you carry a couple of your favorite outfits on your next trip to Seattle, Portland, or San Francisco, you can purchase your terminal tackle wherever you embark, whether it's the Bay Area, Newport, or Walla Walla. The excellent bottom fishing along much of the West Coast should convince any East Coast hardy that January on the rocks is definitely not to be passed up.



Jan leans on a cabezone, one of many Pacific Coast bottom huggers.

An angler departs the Sea Pirate with a stringer of bottom species.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

We knew it was a weekend when we woke to winds over twentyfive miles per hour wtih almost unfishable sea conditions! The two days during the week when the bottom could be fished found loads of blackfish and flounder. Flounder cooperated in Lake Montauk on the weekend as a standby for cancelled ocean fishing trips. Blues are everywhere, thriving on northeast winds, as are striped bass. However sea conditions made it prudent for small boats to stay close to home. Cod and sea bass mixing with porgies at Block Island.

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Joan, at **Captain's Cove Marina**, summed up the week's fishing in a few words, "Fish are stacked up, you just can't get to them!" Lots of bass around, mostly on the south side. Horrible sea conditions forced many weekend charter cancellations. Blackfishing is great also, however calmer seas are needed for good catches. Bluefish are all over.

Captain Bill Ricca and I realized that the last calm weekend day was September 29th, just after the hurricane. We tried for blackfish north of Montauk, calling the trip on the **Allyssa Ann** short when the winds picked up and the seas became mean. Peter Farinella, Daniel and Michael Regan, Bob Marcino, and Bobby "Capt. Crazy" Roduazzo and I picked up a few blackfish to five pounds before heading back to the harbor. We finished the day with flounder, anchored among a fleet of boats that included the **Julie III**, Gene Ritter's "Barbara ANN", and several skiffs. On Sunday, Gary Regis and his friends from Orangeburg opted for a half day flounder trip in the Lake, returning with about fifty nice flatties.

Captain Ron Grandinetti put the **Julie III** right on the flounder in Montauk Harbor Saturday with John Mahoney and his friends. They fished the entire incoming tide. The group kept 113 flounder over ¾ pounds, with 19 of them weighing between 2 and 2½ pounds. On Sunday, fishing the same spot with Mark Ferandez, in rough bay conditions, 66 flounder from ¾ to 2 pounds were caught. A couple of tommy cod were also a part of each day's catch. Fresh skimmer clam did the trick.

Captain Michael Potts reported his best day of the week was Friday, when the Fehn group from Riverhead

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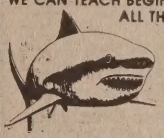
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caught over 100 stripers, of which most were released. The day ended with a dozen blackfish caught at Cerebus Shoals. Anglers on the **Bluefin IV** have had their best luck this week casting Sekora Nordic Eels, with an average of about 100 bass per trip, although many are shorts. Wednesday's trip with the Soskin group accounted for 16 keeper bass, 50 released with many small bluefish. On Thursday, 16 bass were kept. On Sunday, the Imperial Sportsman Club kept 8 bass of 40 caught in the morning, the afternoon trip caught the same with lots of bluefish. Very wrm weather will prolong the striper season. Charters are still being booked for this season.

Captain Mike Albronda is concentrating his efforts on the charter boat **Montauk** on striped bass, finding loads of fish just under keeper size among his catch. Tuesday, a charter counted 17 keepers among over 50 bass, while another trip with Richard Shepard of Farmingdale kept 7 bass, the largest 39 lbs. 2 oz. all diamond jigged. Water temperatures at the point have now dropped to 58 degrees, making for ideal conditions. The **Montauk** is booking late season charters.

A chat with Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** revealed that night bluefishing has been discontinued because dogfish have moed onto the Cartwright Grounds. Local codfishing has been slow, probably due to the weather. However, porgies remain excellent with an appearance of sea bass, many in the 3 to 4 lb. range; blackfish to 5 lbs. and 4 to 10 cod per trip. Although anglers are still catching porgies by the pail full, this may be the last porgy weekend on the **Starship**. Check next week's schedule for fishing schedule. The Positively Last Georges Banks codfish trip has been scheduled for November 18th, to return Nov. 20th. This trip is entirely dependent upon the weather for sailing. Call the **Viking** office for reservations.

Captain Jerry McGrath called in a blackfish report on Cerebus fishing. On Oct. 27th a group including Mike Markowitz and his friend Danny, both from Flushing, put 40 blackfish to 8½ lbs. into the fish box on the charter boat **Nostalgia II.**

Because of poor weather (wind), Capt. Mike Bentivegna, Jr. sent his blackfish charter on the **Pronto** home on Saturday. However, a couple of hardy anglers, Nat and Ned booked a half day bluefish trip at the dock. Fishing the Pollock Rip, the pair picked up 75 bluefish in a very short time.

I saw an angler in a **Uihlein's** skiff bailing flounder in Lake Montauk on Saturday, but was unable to get his name. Some of the fish were clearly over 2 lbs. in weight. On Sunday, a catch of 25 flounder, averaging 1½ lbs., was made on a skiff. The angler declared that he put back at least 3 for each he kept. Henry Uihlein fished on Friday with Jimmy Nicoletti of East Hampton and John Bell of Noyac for a short time from **Uihlein's Boat Rental** station. The trio fished Washington Shoals and using fresh skimmer clam bagged 11 blackfish from 4 to 7 lbs. and 6 sea bass to 3 lbs. in 1½ hours.

Captain Steve Mauss cancelled all weekend charters on the **Kraken III** due to "untidy" sea conditions, making it impossible to fish for blackfish. Hopefully, the easing of fishing pressure on these fish because of the weather will lead to a banner weakend.

Tom Jorden, at **Gone Fishing Marina**, remarked about the surprisingly good catches of porgies made this week on the north side of Gardiner's Island. Blackfishing seemed to slack off a bit at Shagwong and Cerebus, but should pick up again since the pressure has been off the fish due to bad weather. Bluefish are all over some mornings right off the jetties at the inlet. Flounder continue hot and heavy in the lake, with lots of fish over 2 lbs. (among many throwbacks). On the bass scene, Capt. Bob Rochetta of the charter boat **Rainbow II** continues to put nice fish in the cooler, with all charters this week limiting out on bass. On Tuesday, a charter with George Davies of Lake Ronkonkoma weighed in a bass of over 30 lbs.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports continued good bass catches: On Wednesday, Michael Holmes counted three keeper bass to 18 lbs. along with lots of bluefish. The afternoon trip also had three stripers. On Friday morning a group from General Foods Corp. caught 3 bass to 28 lbs. Saturday morning, Mr. Napoli and his group caught 6 bass with lots of blues. Catches picked up on Sunday, when Mr. Merryfield of Lake Ronkonkoma and his friends caught 9 stripers, all between 10 and 20 lbs. All bass took trolled tubes.

Last Monday's trip on the **King Wayne** fished under the Light with Dennis Guiderson and his friends catching 6 bass and 50 blues on a half day trip. On Halloween, Thomas Nappell had a good day, with a dozen bass to 22 lbs, kept, many short released fishing both the Elbow and

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under the Light. Captain King remarked that Cartwright size blues of 12 to 15 lbs. have moved in close to shore. Friday's group, Tuma Construction Co., caught 8 bass from 24 to 33 inches with bluefish, while on Saturday, Joe Pagano diamond jigged 1 dozen bass, top weight 20 lbs. fishing off Ditch Plains. Sunday's trip on the **King Wayne** fished near Fishers Island for blackfish, with Angel Diaz and his friends returning with 77 blacks, top weight 12 lbs.

Captain Chuck Mallinson reported difficult fishing conditions over the weekend, due to high winds, forcing most fishing efforts close to home at Shagwong, where blues, some bass and a few weakfish were caught. Bass catches the past week on the **Joy-Sea** have been very consistent with an average of 8 to 12 keepers per trip, top weight about 20 lbs. Most fish are taken on trolled tubes, along with a couple of weakfish—to 12 lbs. Many short bass, 22 to 23 inches, were released during the week.

June, speaking for the **Montauk Marine Basin** reported the outcome of this year's Full Moon Bass Tournament which had thirtyfive anglers entered in the surf and boat division. First place and $300 was won by Mrs. Jean Konikowski of Norwich Conn. (also a winner last year), who caught a striper of 39 pounds on the family boat "Suzy IV". Her husband Ray, won second place and $200 with a thirty pound bass. Third place, and $100 was won by Dan D'Albora of Montauk who caught his 24.6 pound fish aboard the "Genny D". The surf division was won by Montauk residents: Al Balcuns caught the first fish of the tournament, 13.6 pounds, which took first place in the surf division and $300. Stuart Heath's 9¼ pound fish was good for second place and $200. While $100 and third place went to Eddie Eurell with an eight pound two ounce striper.

The winners of first and second in the boat division, Jean and Ray Konikowski donated $100 of their winnings to Andrea and Al Johnson in memory of Artie Johnson, the avid striped bass fisherman who was lost at sea about a year ago.

SOUTH FORK

Reports were scarce in general from the South Fork since crummy weather kept most anglers at home. However, a few anglers managed to sneak out on Wednesday or Friday, the two fishable days and scored well on bluefish, flounder and blackfish.

Wednesday's trip on the **Wilhelric II**, on a picture perfect day found us into quality blackfish fishing near Fischer's Island. Mark Goldblum copped the pool with a black of 10¼ lbs.; second place fish was a shade under 10 lbs. Mark and his friend, both from Brooklyn, counted 18 blackfish in their catch. High hook, 12 fish, belonged to **Wilhelric** regular David Roys. I managed my usual 5 fish. Captain Lach suggests anglers pick their days to go blackfishing. Weekend weather was horrendous; Saturday's trip managed a few fish before heading back early due to bad seas. Sunday's trip was cancelled. Captain Lach feels that the blackfishing has not yet reached its peak since the water temperature is warm and many porgies are a by-catch.

Larry Mangarillo of **Corr's Mariners Cove** in Hampton Bays saw a nice catch of flounder made by four men who rented a 16 foot skiff on Friday. The group fished between the Basket and the east side of the inlet on the incoming tide. Their 50 flatties, all between 1¾ and 2 lbs., took sand worms. Clam chum was used. The weekend saw a few boat rentals each returning with half dozen or more flounder fishing in a churned up bay. T.J. Monaham and Ron Pugsley tried for blues after work one day last week, returning with 22 blues in less than 1½ hours fishing.

Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** feels that plenty of fish, blues, flounder, blackfish, sea bass, are around, judging from a few reports filtering in from those able to sneak out a few hours between windstorms.

Flounder action has been reported from Shinnecock Inlet by anglers

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fishing near Pell's Dock, as well as sporadic catches in the Canal.

Buck, speaking for **Harbor Marina** in 3 Mile Harbor heard of continued bluefish action around Gardiner's Island, with a few bass taken in the rips off Gardiner's including many fish in the 28 to 30 inch range.

Joe from **SHerry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in Southampton has heard of loads of bluefish around, as well as the start of a fine fall flounder run.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Flounder fishing continues to gain momentum as water temperatures gradually decline. There was some good action in both Moriches and Great South Bays this week. Blackfishing continues to amaze sinker bouncers with its consistency and with the quality of the fish being caught particularly on Great South Bay's Kismet Reef. Key to this fishing has been working the last part of incoming water and the beginning of outgoing. Some big stripers being livelined at the inlets, highlighted by the catch of a 61½ pound cow at Fire Island Inlet by Paul Krause on Thursday. Fishing outside the inlets was virtually eliminated in recent days by strong east winds and a big heave on the Ocean.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunseich over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** reported that while flounder action still lacks consistency, there are some very good catches being made. The

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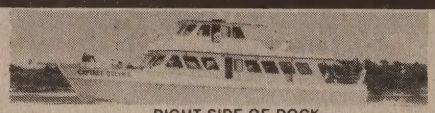

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best scores are taking place on the flats from Haven's Point to Seatuck Cove. Plenty of mussel chum and bloodworms have been working best in the bait department. Many of the flatties being taken are falling into the 1 to 2 pound range according to Gary. On Saturday, Matt, John and Charlie Viol pooled their talents to put away 65 real nice flatties near Haven's Point. Despite Sunday's horrible weather and strong east winds, one boat managed 40 flatties. Gary added that there is some great crabbing underway with many big blue claws being taken in traps and on rings with bunker bait at buoy 27.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** relayed word of a fine catch of flounder made at Buoy 27 in Moriches Bay on Sunday. Ron Pfiester, Ed Harold and Bob LaBond corraled 81 flounder and 15 huge blue claw crabs using mussel chum and blood and sand worms. They reported that other boatmen, equipped with traps and intent only on blueclaws were doing a big job. Tim and Ken Yerves along with Vinnie Remini used diamond jigs in Moriches Inlet on Tuesday to take a dozen big blues to 12 pounds. Sunday morning, Ed Martin of Patchogue worked inside Shinnecock Inlet trolling feathers and accounted for a 35 pound striper and an 18 pound bluefish.

Speaking from **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** Al Colban said that there are still a load of blacks on the reef at Kismet. Big blues, sea bass, blacks and some porgies on the Ocean Reef as well as on the wrecks of the Oregon, San Diego and Hilton Castle. Rough seas and strong east winds have kept boats from getting outside the inlet since late last week however. Flounder fishing gaining some momentum at the Sore Thumb and also close by on the Heckscher Park grounds. Reports have been scarce in recent days due to the poor weather and few boats out fishing. Several decent scores were made during the week. Some big white perch have put in an appearance in the tidal reaches of the Connetquot River. Several local youngsters checked in with fish up to 1½ pounds this week.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** spoke of a quiet weekend on the fishing front which he attributed to the east winds. Prior to the weekend there was still some excellent blackfish action to be had on the Kismet Reef. On Wednesday, Dr. Braunstein of the Hawkeyed put away 25 blackfish including a 10¾ pounder taken by Rudy Kumpf. Paul Pellegrino and his crew aboard the Lynn Lee III put away 60 blacks from 2 to 6 pounds on the reef. Carl emphasized the need to fish the tides and said that the last of the flood and the first of the ebb has produced the best results on both fiddler and green crabs. Flounder fishing now a safe bet on the north side of the bay from buoy 2/East Islip west to Good Samaratin Hospital on worms and clams.

Speaking from **Captree Bait and Tackle** Noel Kappauf reported that blackfish action has held up well for both boatmen and shorecasters. The latter group has been working the sight of the old construction dock on the north side of Robert Moses field 2 as well as under the R.M. Bridge. Boatmen continue to take plenty of fish on the Kismet Reef and also on the Oak Beach Barge. Last weeks Hurricane off the Florida Coast posed a problem for bait dealers acquiring fiddler crabs. Noel reported just receiving his first new batch of crabs since the storm. Both fiddlers and green crabs have been taking plenty of fish but some anglers seem to prefer the fiddlers.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty 3** reported that the weekend was a total wipeout due to the easterly storm. He did report good fishing the first half of the week and noted that Friday night saw super action with loads of big blues. The week's fishing also produced a couple of cod on the wrecks and the skipper expects that it won't be long before he makes the switch over to the winter king. The boat's special bluefish pool is now up to $4055.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** said that poor weather on the weekend kept him at dockside. He did want to remind customers that after being in the yard last week he has resumed his regular sailing schedule at 8AM daily for blackfish and sea bass.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy relayed the big news concerning one of the bigger stripers to come from Fire Island Inlet in recent memory. Paul Krause, fishing aboard Al Lorenzetti's 25' Mako, Skimmer, late Wednesday, drifted a live bunker to the tune of a 61 pound 8 ounce cow. Along with the big bass the pair put away three other fish of 25, 30 and 36 pounds to round out their limit of two fish apiece.

Fishing was done in the rips off of the Sore Thumb. Plenty of blackfish continue to please sinker bouncers in the bay according to Tom. On Wednesday, Jack Uhland and crew put away a load of tautog up to 7.10 pounds at Kismet. They reported that green crabs accounted for their biggest fish. While not many anglers tried flounder-ing over the weekend there was some very good fishing during the week on the north side of the bay opposite Pace Landing in West Islip, and also at Buoy 4/Dickerson Channel. Clam and mussel chum both working on the fish while bloodworms seem to be the prefered bait at the current time. Tom teamed with Shakespeare Rep Greg Nisito during the week and topped off their flatfish catch with fish of 2.6 and 2.7 pounds. They fished to the west in Fundy Bay. Excellent crabbing under-way in the Sore Thumb Pocket with many big blue claws being taken by boatmen using traps baited with bunker.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani said that not many guys sailed over the weekend due to the poor weather. Those that did reported back with catches of 10 to 15 flatties taken on the north side of the bay, in the Copiague Hole and to the west in Massapequa Cove. Very good blackfishing continues on the Kismet Reef with the best catches of the week taken near the end of incoming water and the first of the ebb. Some boatmen quietly picking away at big stripers in Fire Island Inlet and in the vicinity of the Wantagh Bridges on live bunker and blackfish.

Chester Shew at **Z Crab Bait and Tackle** in **Copiague** relayed a general report since very few anglers fished over the weekend. During the week he reported some good flounder action at the Amity Cut in the State Channel, Fox Creek and Massapequa Cove. A couple of very good blackfish scores reported from Kismet Reef on green crabs prior to the weekend. He too noted some big bass being livelined locally on bunker. He told of a pair of 60 pound stripers, both of which he was unable to reveal any further details.

Over at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Copiague**, Bob Vitale reported that Mike Fuchs decided to battle Sunday's weather aboard his Impulse and managed just a few flatties while working near the first Wantagh Bridge. Also on Sunday, Fred Walters and Bob Rose aboard the Reel Affair managed only 13 flatties for their efforts at the Amity Cut under poor conditions. B.C.A. charter boat Scamp V reported that the Bob Cornick party put away a mixed bag of 60 blackfish, flounder and sea bass taken at Kismet and near the Babylon Cut on Sunday. Bob added that Lou Clementz won the shop's bluefish derby and a matching bluefish outfit with a 17 pound 1 ounce chopper.

Speaking from **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** Frank Pristera reported that not many anglers are out trying for blacks due to the recent poor weather

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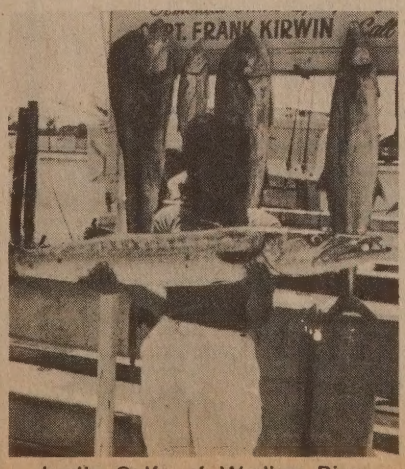

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but there were some good catches made on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb at Kismet prior to the weekend. The Rota Wreck continues to produce blackfish as well. On Tuesday, Pat Brooks and Rich Molnar put away 15 blacks to 5 pounds there. Best bet right now for flatties appears to be the Copiague Hole with worms with clam or mussel chum accounted for the best catches.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

An unusual fall week has just ended, with the last three days of it battered by strong and steady east winds that made a mountain of the seas and a mess of the bay bottoms. Up until Thursday of the week general bottom fishing and bluefish action was very good to excellent. Some dogfish have been noted, sometimes in abundance and sometimes just a few fish, but they are the recognized harbingers of cooling waters and a genuine winter on its way.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From **Captain Eddie's Fishing Station** in Seaford we hear blackfishing at the Wantagh bridge has been fair to good depending on the day on fiddlers and green crabs. Some flounder also have been taken this week but nothing astounding. Unusual catch of the week was 12 schoolie weakfish taken at the 2nd Wantagh on worms intended for a flounder's puckered mouth.

Over at **Wanser's Tackle**, due to a slow week of customer traffic, Marie could tell only about fair flounder action at Massapequa Cove and Haunts Creek on worms on all tides. Her customers also brought back tales of good blackfishing at the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, Mike says that before the winds kicked up on Friday there was fair flounder activity with boats averaging 10 to 30 fish, mostly in the flats off Merrick and along the edges in Great Island channel. The east side of Massapequa Cove was also decent for flatties and blue claws. Outgoing was best on clam and bloods with heavy chumming getting the biggest catches. Friday, Sat. and Sun. saw catches drop to 4 to 10 per boat. Fish were big, from 3/4 to 2 lbs. Good blackfishing at the 3rd Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridges with fish getting smaller, however. Fiddlers have

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Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** asked us to announce that Hudson Anglers of Freeport is proud to host the All Clubs Annual Invitational Codfish Tournament on Saturday, November 16th. Entries of up to 4 boats per club, entry fee $60 per boat. Please make checks payable to Hudson Anglers Inc., foot of Guy Lombardo Ave., Freeport, NY 11520 or for further info call Ronnie or Kathy at 516-867-9608.

From Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** comes word that Saturday's trip fishing Cholera saw a lot of jumbo blues caught all from 12 lbs. up. Richie says the northeaster that blew this weekend should be moving a few cod into the area and he expects them to be showing their noses soon. The boat will be running a Tuesday, November 12th special cod and pollock wreck trip. See ad for details and new schedule.

From Bob at the **Freeport Boatmens Association** we learned that the **Super Spray II** and many of the Association's charter boats had fair sea bass, black and porgy catches through this past week, but of course the weather was the constraining factor. Flounder on the inside have been okay, as have blues at Cholera prior to Friday's wind storm. Blackfish on the local ocean wrecks have been very decent and Bob says the boats are mainly killing time now until the cod start. The water is still on the warm side but is cooling off with some doggies around.

Down in Pt. Lookout, the **Capt. Al** has had very good fishing right through Thursday on the bottom species including blues. During the early part of the week customers had loads of blacks, porgies, sea bass and even some weakfish. However, the weekend was poor due to the big blow from the east and the resultant big roll. Catches should return very strong by the time you read this report.

A call from Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** told of back to back flounder trips Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's trip for Mr. Kim and friends had a slow pick in the Freeport/Merrick area on small to medium flounder. Sunday the boat worked western Reynolds along with Hog and Broad Channels and enjoyed a fair pick of 1 to 2½ lbers. with catches averaging 5 to 10 a man.

A call from Capt. Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** told of the following scores: Monday, Jack Veckner had 18, while Bill and Irwin totaled 30 between them. On Tuesday Dave Edwards hoisted 17 flounder while Steve Schwartz was happy with 19. Regular John on Wednesday took the AM and PM pools while on Thursday's PM trip Earl French bagged 15. Saturday AM was slow but Art Gillespie nevertheless bagged a 2 lb. pool fish, while in the PM, John Weaver of Lake Pleasant had a 1¾ lb. pool winner. Sunday AM Allen Huntstein hoisted a 2 lb. pool fish. Rick Murray was high hook with 18. Sunday PM Corn Dog John had 12 flounder plus a 3 lb. pool winning black. Clams worked best this week.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook, Richie said the big bluefish offshore are still holding forth, at least through Thursday. Flounder action was decent in all the usual spots in Reynolds. Blue claw crabs continue good. Merrick and Baldwin Bays seem to be the most productive areas as far as he could tell and he also told of a couple of big bass in the 40s eeled at the Wantagh bridges.

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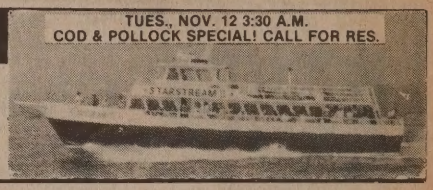

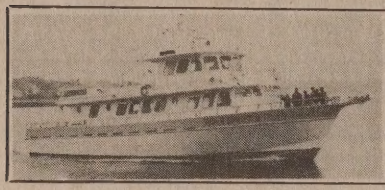

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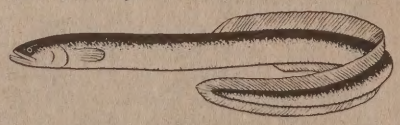
directly across from the fleet described the early week bluefishing as a slaughter at Farms and 17. Though few boats could fish for them Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Willie insisted they were still there and big as before. Lots of striped bass being caught from boats said the wee one, but he could offer no details. Blackfishing was fair to good through Thursday on green crabs on the wrecks and rocks off Jersey. He told of picky flounder fishing and dogs moving into Ambrose and Cholera, some days more than others. Tuna is about over. Please note the store is now expanding into general sporting goods as well as maintaining its usual big tackle and bait inventory.

Captain Walter Wiegand of the **Flamingo III** advised that 17 Fathoms fished Tuesday and Wednesday was super with everyone arm weary by 11:30 AM and the boat returning to the dock early. All big fish. The ocean started to kick up Thursday with the east wind and the catch for the day was rated as just fair. The rest of the week was weathered out by the strong easterly winds, what the old-time captains used to call "dry easters." Bluefish have all been 12 to 19 lbers. and hungry.

From Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** comes word that blackfishing and porgy fishing Tuesday and Wednesday was excellent as was Thursday and Friday. Blackfish have been running 2 to 7 lbs. However, things were really poor on the weekend due to the terrible weather and the blustery east winds. On the weekend the boat had to resort to some bay wrecks where they picked away to save the day.



North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Even with a strong easterly flow, temperatures remained relatively warm and water temperatures on Long Island Sound were still running 58 degrees over the weekend. Blackfish, bluefish and bass, the three Bs, remained the centers of all reports.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun** in New Rochelle mentioned a couple of huge bass taken in the vicinity about 2 weeks ago, a 60 and a 48 taken off the rocks at Rye on 15 lb. gear. There were lots of short bass and big bluefish being taken on bait and umbrellas and Andy Vetucci had a 9 lb. tautog.

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on City Island will be supplying bait into December now that the flounder have arrived in Eastchester Bay. Tautog fishing is excellent in 20 to 25 feet of water around Pea Island and off the City Island reef.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** announced that bass fishing will get less competitive now that the Over the Wall Gang has retired for the season. Crescent Beach was good for blackfish and blues are still around.

Nasty weather limited the blackfish possibilities for the open boats over the weekend, but catches were reasonable considering the circumstances. Pete Pearson was working off buoy 11B and the Norwalk reefs in 30 to 60 ft. of water and had a couple of giant tautog over 10 lbs. on Friday. He expects to run the **Klondike VIII** until about Thanksgiving. Pete An-

derson fished off Old Greenwich on Sunday in 25 to 30 feet of water to get out of the heavy weather and caught plenty of fish to 5 lbs. He expects to run the **North Star** through the week after Thanksgiving. Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** explained that life was tough at the rail on Sunday but that the fishing was quite good in 35 to 40 feet of water around Green Ledge. Saturday's catch was made in 20 feet of water around Mamaroneck.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** felt that the fishing for tautog was excellent when you could get to the usual spots, 11B, 24, and 32. Even Marshall Field had some good numbers inshore. Water depths were anywhere out to 40 to 45 feet. Lots of small bluefish were still available around 13 and the OB, but bad weather kept the **Ever Ready** at dockside through the weekend. Dock fishermen were already pulling flounder.

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** said that brother Jerry and Charlie Burke were still worm trolling for bass and had 3 keepers out of 22 fish last week. Even with the easterlies, there was still decent fishing in the lee of Valley Grove. Some nice scup were also reported.

Ilene Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** said that flounder fishing was quiet but there were good reports of blackfish around Hobart Beach and Sand City.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** said that local blues were on the decline, but bottom fishing scores were picking up.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson will be open for yet another weekend. Candy Caraftis said that tautog angling was centered off Oldfield and Cranes and that there were some bass mixing with blues on the beaches. Larger blues were at buoy 11.

NORTH FORK

Larry Porter of the **Brand X** called in the results of a very good weekend for the big boat off Fishers. Kim Morrison caught her first large blackfish, 7.0, but the best showing of the weekend was made by Hank Bischoff who copped the pool with a 13.14 on Sunday and was runner up on Saturday with a 10.5. Angelo Cardona took Saturday's pool with a 12.3 and Bill Baribault was Sunday's runner-up with a 10.5. These are the biggest tautog of the season for the **Brand X** this far, but we are reminded that the best of the fishing may still lie ahead because waters are still warm.

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in Aquebogue said that Hortons drew a crowd

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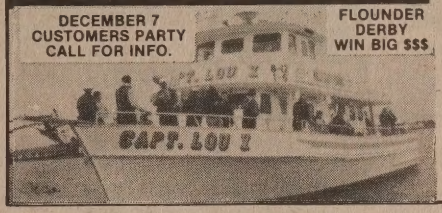

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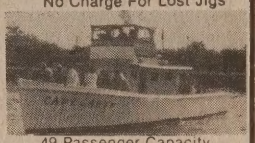

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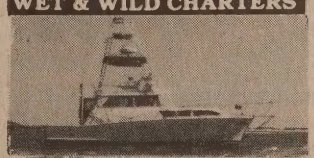

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of boat trailers during the week, but that weather had forced everybody away from the local Sound action. He looks for a return of small bass and bi bluefish after the winds abate.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** in Southold was impressed by huge bluefish over 15 lbs. in local traps. He feels that some of these slammers are still chasing the bunker schools around Jessups, Bay action on tautog is slow and the only flounder activity in the neighborhood is off Orient, according to Tony LoPerfido of the **Fishalot.**

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** weighed a 19.1 bluefish from the beach and figured that most of the keeper bass he's seen run 12 to 20 lbs., although he saw a 40 lber. recently. White suggests that flounde fans be patient until after the bluefish have gone.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** has been trolling up a storm on bass last week. Jensen had a lot of bare keepers and 3 fish between 18 and 25 lbs. Plum Island and the Sound were the areas that Jensen and Dan Buckley of the **Nancy Ann II** keyed on during the bad weather and they caught tautog nicely in 30 to 40 feet of water.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** called to say that Clark Bellows enjoyed a great Wednesday and a good Thursday but that Saturday and Sunday were rough on the railbirds, especially for a couple of families. Numbers of tautog were tremendous on Sunday with catches to 12 fish for non-experts. Probes in the shallows yielded a number of fine 1½ to 2 lb. flounder when the boat took a respite from the winds. Ciccotto's last sailing for the season will be on Veterans Day, November 11th.

Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** said that the fish have built again off Fishers, with the bottom in 65 feet showing "all kinds of life." Nothing under 10 lbs. came close to the pool on Sunday and the whole boat caught well once the boat managed to beat her way to her target.

Fisherman Staffer Tom Schlichter and his wife Tina fished aboard Capt. Dave Brennan's **Peconic Star** on Sunday. Strong tides and stiff winds made for some tough conditions and only fair fishing. Despite the poor conditions, everyone managed a few fish averaging around the 5 pound mark. At least five fish in the 8 to 10 pound class including Ed Petrarca's pool winner. Fishing was done off of Fisher's Island.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The fall run appears to be in full swing now with big bluefish and a surprising number of school bass, along with the occasional cow being taken along the Island's beaches. There was some wild bluefish action on south shore and east end beaches during the week and even on Sunday, despite very difficult fishing conditions due to the strong east wind and the heavy sweep along the ocean beaches. There were also quite a few blues as well as a fair number of bass taken along north shore beaches this past week.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported some wild surf action on several occasions this past week along the Moriches Shore. Wednesday was the big day on the beach for many casters who cashed in on hordes of big blues which had pushed bunker and 2 to 4 pound class weakfish up on the beach. One caster reported filling up his cooler with weaks without even having wet a line. Another caster collected 25 weaks before getting back into the bluefish blitz. The blues were not fussy, readily gobbling up anything tossed into the wash. Most casters however opted to throw surface plugs according to Paul. On Wednesday Jim and Rich

Monty quit after taking 15 blues up to 15 pounds. The action diminished considerably on Thursday and Friday and things were quiet Saturday. Sunday, however, was a return to blitzlike fishing despite strong east winds and a big surf. While the weekday action was spread along many miles of beach through Smith Point and Fire Island National Seashore, Sunday's action seemed to be centered along the Smith Point shore to the west of Moriches Inlet. Also on Sunday several big stripers were reported taken from among the blues. Paul reported weighing a 42½ pound cow for Ed Bryson and also had several big bluefish. Patchogue Fishing Club member Greg Maynard used a needlefish plug to take bass of 22 and 14 pounds from the same stretch of beach Sunday morning. Another pair of club members Andy Torre and Chuck McStocker worked through Saturday night and into Sunday morning and put a load of big blues on the sand while dunking bait. The largest of the fish tipped the scale at 19 pounds even. Back on Tuesday, Rudy Pinka used needlefish plugs to take bass of 9 and 11 pounds from in front of the Smith Point Pavillion. Mark Wrobleski drilled several blues to 14 pounds out of the suds from in front of the Pavillion. Cleveland Indian left hander Neil Heaton teamed with Ozzie VanHelmond on Thursday got a good taste of north shore bluefish action. The pair put away many blues from 10 to 16 pounds while fishing bait.

Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported that while Saturday was pretty stiff along local beaches there were at least some fish taken at Robert Moses Fields 2 and 4 on Sunday. Joe Meeker did stop to weigh a 14 pound 13 ounce chopper that he took from the Robert Moses parking field 2 surf on Sunday. Robert Moses parking field 4 enjoyed a good showing of school stripers on Thursday with many fish taken on tins and jig and white tube combos. A fair number of keeper sized stripers were mixed with the many shorts.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** reported that one regular surfman stopped during the week with a mixed catch of blues, two bass, one small weakfish taken at Democrat Point on needlefish plugs. Big blues seem to be settled along most beaches with decent action reported on several occasions this past week.

Tom Healy over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** reported steady action as well in the local surf. Big blues make up most of the activity but some bass are mixed with the choppers. Robert Moses fields 2 and 4, Democrat Point, Cedar Beach and Gilgo all produced fish this past week. First time surf caster Mike Finn used a pencil popper to take a 7 pound bluefish at Gilgo Tuesday evening. Local sharpies Tom and Scott Leonard continue to bang away at big blues on bait at Cedar Beach on a

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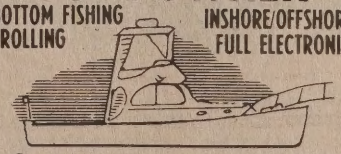
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steady basis.

Scott Smyth relayed word through Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** that the Cedar Bar was hot on Sunday for casters tossing bait. Most casters wore themselves out tangling with big blues in the heavy surf. Bob added that Don Lander was another caster who got in on the Cedar Beach action.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported that some big blues were picked over the weekend despite difficult fishing conditions. Danny Pasciuta had an 18 pound chopper at Democrat Point on Sunday while Peter Giacalone clicked with a 17.6 pounder at R.M. Field 2 on Saturday. Most casters have been tossing A27 and tube combos, Hopkins or bunker chunks.

Big blues were also along western south shore beaches this week. Richie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook** had several reports of big blues taken along the Rockaways during the week. He also reported the Atlantic Beach surf was alive with birds and fish on Sunday.

Mike Nicoletti speaking from **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh** reported a very good run of bass at J.B. Parking Field 6 Wednesday morning. J-8 and J-5 tins accounted for the best action. Mike had several casters report taking as many as 17 stripers. Thursday morning saw a nice shot of bass in the Robert Moses Parking Field 4 surf. Jig and white tube combos seemed to work best on these fish. One of the season's better blues was the 21.8 pound chopper taken by Don Palmer on Monday. The fish was taken on bait and Mike thought that it came from the Jones Beach area. He reported very sporadic action at West End this past week with the only solid info concerning one caster who managed 4 keeper bass (returned 2) on small Bombers with teasers early in the week.

The western south shore beaches continue to hold some very impressive stripers this past week. Empire Striper Club member Rich Mele used a popper at mid-week to nail a 42.7 pound cow along the Rockaways. On Friday Dan Catalano cast a Hopkins in the Breezy Pt. surf and was rewarded with a bass of 45.2

pounds. Both fish were weighed at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** in **Sheepshead Bay**.

Lots of action at **Montauk** throughout most of the week according to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop**. Plenty of blues kept casters occupied along the south side in the daytime while there was some good bass action along the same sand beaches after dark. Needles and darters took most of the bass while tins accounted for the bulk of the bluefish action. Lots of small bass up front as evidenced by the 20 small fish taken this Monday morning by Richie Andrus. Only 2 of the fish were keepers. Of far more significance was the 22.14 pound bluefish beached by Rich. This was one of the largest choppers to come out of the Long Island surf to our knowledge. John weighed at least one big striper this week. Lilco Joe Guhanick took a 38 pound cow at the Point Friday night. Many of the fish along the sand beach range from 8 to 12 pounds with occasional shorts and an occasional larger fish mixed in. There were plenty of blues in the suds on Sunday morning despite the strong winds and heavy sweep. Short and schoolie bass were mixed with the blues.

Up on the north shore, Tom Bowman at **Bowman's Tackle Shop** in **Northport** reported plenty of bass in the 22 to 26 inch range along Asharoken between the Coast Guard Station and the Lilco Plant. Best action is at sunrise and sunset with small swimming plugs as well as tins accounting for the fish.

Over at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentschel reported that many local casters have been working the south shore in recent days and cashing in on some wild bluefish action. Plenty of small bass along local beaches prior to all the east winds but Stan expects the fish to be there once the winds subside.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater activity continued to hold its own this week despite dropping water temperatures. Trout, yellow perch, pickerel, and carp were strong points while largemouth bass, crappie and white perch ranked fair. Strong winds during mid-week and over the weekend helped keep angler activity to a minimum.

From **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckman reported that Hempstead Lake was alive with bass and pickerel all week long. Plenty of fish to 3.5 pounds and all taken on artificials. Most reports centered around the southern section

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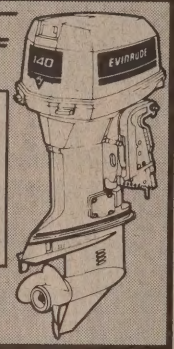

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of the lake adjacent to the spill-way. Charlie figures that if there are fish being taken at Hempstead, its likely that they are feeding at Grant Park also but he hasn't had any confirmed reports of fish from this location.

At **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, Bob Turturello called this a quiet week. Although he felt there were still fish to be had in the Twin Lakes, the winds kept most fishermen from heading out.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, also reported slow going but noted that some anglers were scoring well with trout at Bubbles Fall in Oakdale. No white perch in the tidal creeks this week.

Carp fishing in Babylon's Argyle Lake continues good but most of the action is now centered along the south-western bank. More fish are being taken on bottom than on top now that the water has cooled off somewhat. A personal friend, who asked not to be named, took four fish to 4.5 pounds late in the week. Wonder Bread and corn kernels rolled tight and fished without a sinker were the ticket.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, comes confirmation of the trout action at Bubbles Falls. Ray Roberts had 30 fish to 12'' between there and Rattlesnake Creek on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Ray tried his luck at Patchogue Lake and scored with 75 yellow perch.

''A few bass but none over 15 inches'' was the way Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters** summarized bass fishing on **Lake Ronkonkoma**. Bill Hoppe and sons had fifteen on night crawlers early in the week. Panfish are still ready and willing. A few carp are still being picked by bottom fishermen working the bank.

At **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave reports that quite a few small rainbow trout and a few to 16 inches are keeping anglers busy at Bubbles Falls. In the lower tidal reaches of the Connetquot River and Rattlesnake Creek, white perch have begun to put in an appearence.

Over at **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Jerry informed us that Norman Saccente nailed a 4.5 pound brown trout in a local tidal creek on Tuesday. Pleased with that performance, he tried his luck again on Thursday and clicked with a fish weighing 1.75 pounds.

''The wind hasn't helped things at all'', claimed Al Schreier of the **Sportsman's Center** in **Medford**. Still, there has been some excellent action with bass, pickerel, and big crappies in Artist Lake of Middle Island and Upper Yaphank Lake. Al told us that he had also heard yellow perch fishing in Peconic River was going pretty well. I can confirm the action with pickerel and crappies at Artist Lake as I gave it a try early this week and scored with four pickerel to 21 inches and a fat crappie. Small blue rapalas took the picks while a Bass Buster Chumm'in Minnow accounted for the crappie.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	2:35	2:50	3:25	3:45	3:10	3:25	4:30	4:40	5:50	6:10	6:00	6:25	2:45	3:05	11/7
FRI.	3:40	3:55	4:25	4:40	4:15	4:30	5:20	5:40	6:50	7:15	6:55	7:20	3:40	4:00	11/8
SAT.	4:40	4:55	5:15	5:35	5:10	5:30	6:05	6:30	7:50	8:20	7:50	8:15	4:30	4:55	11/9
SUN.	5:30	5:50	6:10	6:30	6:00	6:20	6:50	7:20	8:40	9:15	8:40	9:05	5:20	5:45	11/10
MON.	6:20	6:40	7:00	7:20	6:50	7:10	7:40	8:10	9:30	10:05	9:30	10:00	6:10	6:35	11/11
TUES.	7:05	7:25	7:45	8:10	7:35	8:00	8:25	9:00	10:20	11:00	10:20	10:50	6:55	7:20	11/12
WED.	7:50	8:15	8:35	9:00	8:25	8:50	9:15	9:50	11:10	11:50	11:05	11:40	7:45	8:10	11/13
THURS.	8:40	9:05	9:30	9:55	9:15	9:50	10:05	10:45	—	12:00	—	12:00	8:35	9:05	11/14

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/7	6:40	4:47
FRI. 11/8	6:41	4:46
SAT. 11/8	6:42	4:45
SUN. 11/10	6:43	4:44
MON. 11/11	6:44	4:43
TUE. 11/12	6:46	4:42
WED. 11/13	6:47	4:41

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/7	12:21AM	2:22PM
FRI. 11/8	1:30AM	2:47PM
SAT. 11/9	2:43AM	3:12PM
SUN. 11/10	3:59AM	3:37PM
MON. 11/11	5:17AM	4:06PM
TUE. 11/12	6:39AM	4:40PM
WED. 11/13	8:02AM	5:23PM

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Fri.	12:50	6:55	1:05	7:20
Sat.	1:35	7:40	1:50	8:05
Sun.	2:20	8:25	2:35	8:50
Mon.	3:05	9:15	3:25	9:40
Tues.	3:55	10:05	4:15	10:35
Wed.	4:50	11:10	5:20	11:40
Thurs.	5:55	—	6:35	12:20

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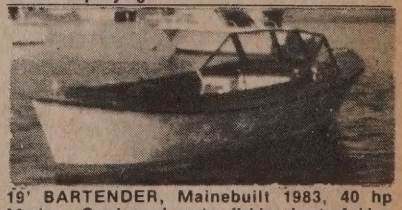

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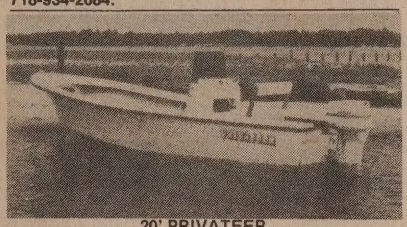

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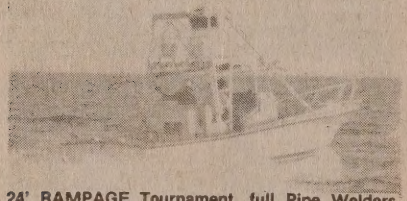

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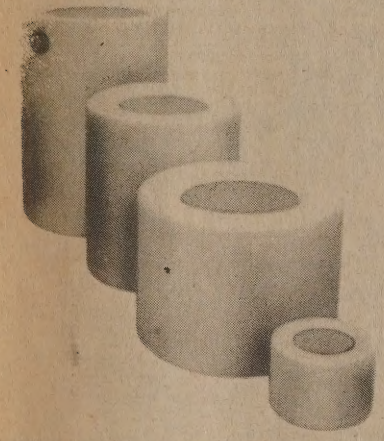

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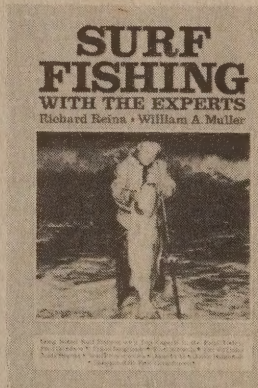

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